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SUPREME COURT ORDERS 33% QUOTA FOR WOMEN IN SC BAR ASSOCIATION

The court said the order must be implemented from the 2024 election to the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) set to be held on May 16

FIVE SEATS IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Apart from six office bearers, the SCBA has six senior executive members and nine executive members. As per the court order, at least two senior executive members and three executive members should be women. The order was passed by a bench comprising justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan while hearing a case involving SCBA against its former Secretary B D Kaushik | P9

AT LEAST 1 OFFICE BEARER SHOULD BE WOMAN

- One post of the office bearers of the SCBA should be reserved for women by turn and on rotation bases, the bench said in its order
- For the upcoming elections, the post of Treasurer shall be reserved for women, it said. However, this will not preclude eligible women members of SCBA from contesting for other office-bearer positions

May 19

WHEN RESULTS OF THE SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTION WILL BE OUT

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LOOKOUT NOTICE AGAINST 'ABSCONDER' PRAJWAL

His father Revanna seeks anticipatory bail as rape charges invoked

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MORE trouble seems to be brewing for Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna and his MLA father HD Revanna in the alleged sex videos case as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) issued a lookout notice against Prajwal while a Hassan court allowed SIT to invoke rape charges against Revanna, who has moved a special court seeking anticipatory bail.

Further, another woman has filed a complaint of sexual harassment against Prajwal.

As Prajwal failed to appear before the investigation officer despite being served a notice, the SIT issued a lookout notice against him on Thursday, terming him an 'absconder'.

As per the lookout notice, law enforcement agencies have been requested to arrest him wherever he is sighted. The notice has been issued to all immigration points at airports, sea ports and also border checkposts.

Prajwal, who is said to be in Europe, on Wednesday sought a week's time to appear before the SIT through his advocate. It is said Prajwal has booked a return ticket to Bengaluru from Munich on May 15 and will be landing in the city in the wee hours of May 16. However, the MP is said to have flown to Dubai from Munich on Wednesday.

Continuing the probe, the SIT on Thursday recorded the statement of one of the victims before a magistrate under Section 164 of CrPC. The SIT has managed to identify some of the victims. But the investigators are not getting much cooperation from them. It is said that some victims have threatened to commit suicide if they are forced to give statements.

Besides, the investigation agency has also issued a notice to Naveen Gowda from Belur in Hassan district, who is accused of distributing pen drives containing videos and photographs of the MP with the victims. Poornachandra Tejaswi MG, a supporter of Prajwal, has filed a complaint against Gowda, who is said to be a close aide of a minister, in the Hassan CEN police station for circulating the videos on April 23. P4

Prajwal flew to Germany on diplomatic passport: MEA

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

SUSPENDED Janata Dal (Secular) MP Prajwal Revanna, who is in the eye of a storm over his alleged sexual harassment of women, travelled to Germany on a diplomatic passport without political clearance, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

"No political clearance was either sought from or issued by MEA in respect to his travel to Germany... Obviously, no visa note was issued either," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Thursday.

Diplomatic passport holders can travel to over 100 countries, including Germany, without visa. "The ministry has not issued visa note for Revanna for travel to any other country," the MEA spokesperson said, adding that parliamentarians are entitled to have diplomatic passports. Prajwal is the sitting MP from Hassan, from where he is seeking re-election.

Diplomatic passports are issued to diplomats, government officials and individuals who are authorised to undertake official travel on behalf of the government. Under international law, diplomatic passport holders enjoy certain privileges and immunities, including immunity from arrest in the host country.

MODI SOUGHT VOTES FOR 'MASS RAPIST', SAYS RAHUL

Shivamogga: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise to every woman of the country for seeking votes for NDA candidate Prajwal Revanna, whom he referred to as a "mass rapist". Rahul said, "It is not a sex scandal, but mass rape. On the stage, Modi supported the mass rapist. Modi told Karnataka that if the people vote for the mass rapist, it will help him." |P4

Nomination for Amethi, Rae Bareli ends today

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

WITH barely hours left for filing of nomination papers for the Amethi and Rae Bareli seats, the Congress is continuing to keep the suspense on whether Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka will contest from the prestigious seats.

Though there was no official word, sources said that Rahul is likely to enter the fray from Rae Bareli. That decision was taken after much deliberations within the party leadership. However, sources said Priyanka may not contest the general elections.

On Wednesday, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the decision would be announced by Thursday evening. Yet, there was no official announcement till going to the press.

However, posters of Rahul have come up in both Amethi and Rae Bareli as the local leadership is hopeful that one of the Gandhis will contest from Amethi. "We received a message from the high command in the evening to make preparations for Friday's nomination. The party will also hold a rally today," said a leader.

According to sources, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge has conveyed to the Gandhis that not contesting from Uttar Pradesh would not augur well for the party's prospects in the Hindi heartland. Rahul represented Amethi for three straight terms from 2004 to 2019 before he was defeated by Union minister Smriti Irani by over 50,000 votes in 2019. Irani, who is seeking a second term from Amethi, has challenged Rahul to contest from the seat. A section of the leaders believe that if Rahul does not take up the challenge, it will only vindicate the BJP's charges of him running away from the seat.

According to sources, Rahul was not keen on Priyanka's electoral debut as he did not want all the three members of the family in Parliament. The BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have been constantly attacking the Congress over its dynasty politics.

Family bastion

Rae Bareli is prestigious for the Congress as it was held by Indira Gandhi thrice, her husband Feroze Gandhi twice and Sonia from 2004 to 2024

BJP drops tainted Brij Bhushan, fields his son Karan in Kaiserganj

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE BJP on Thursday dropped Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who faces criminal charges of sexually harassing women wrestlers during his stint as the president of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), and instead fielded his younger son Karan Bhushan Singh from Uttar Pradesh's Kaiserganj Lok Sabha constituency.

Rajput card

By fielding Dinesh Singh and Karan Bhushan(pic), BJP hopes to placate Rajput community voters, who were upset with the party

The saffron party also named Dinesh Pratap Singh as its candidate from Rae Bareli, a Gandhi family bastion that elected Congress leader Sonia Gandhi five consecutive times. Dinesh Pratap Singh, currently serving as a minister in the Yogi Adityanath cabinet, was the BJP's candidate from the Rae Bareli parliamentary seat in 2019 as well. Even though he lost to Sonia Gandhi last time, he managed to bring down her victory margin to 1.67 lakh votes from 3.52 lakh in 2014. He was earlier with the Congress and he joined the BJP in 2018.

Brij Bhushan, the sitting MP in Kaiserganj, was forced to resign as WFI president over the sexual harassment scandal after the wrestlers launched a protest. By denying ticket to Brij Bhushan, the BJP has sought to send out a message of distancing itself from tainted leaders.

With Brij Bhushan, the total number of MPs benched by the BJP in UP in the ensuing election has touched 15. A six-time MP, Brij Bhushan has won not only from Kaiserganj but also neighbouring constituencies like Gonda and Balrampur. An influential regional leader, he has sway over half-a-dozen Lok Sabha seats in and around Gonda in central UP.

Brij Bhushan has formidable clout in Kaiserganj and adjoining districts as he owns over 50 educational institutions in the region. He had been pitching hard for a seat for himself while the BJP reportedly gave him two options — to field his wife Ketaki Singh or elder son Prateek, an MLA from Gonda Sadar. Ketaki Singh was BJP's Gonda MP in 1996.

EXPRESS READ

CBI not under control of Union: Centre tells SC

New Delhi: The CBI is not under the "control" of the Union and the government can't supervise either the registration of offence by the agency or its investigation, the Centre told the Supreme Court on Thursday. This came as opposition parties have been accusing the government of misusing central probe agencies.

Don't enrol voters for post-poll schemes: ECI

New Delhi: The Election Commission on Thursday issued an advisory to all national and state political parties to immediately cease and desist from any activities that involve registering people for post-election beneficiary-oriented schemes through advertisement, survey or mobile application |P7

Pak eager for 'shehzada' to be India's PM: Modi

Anand (Gujarat): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said Pakistan is eager to make the Congress 'shehzada' the next PM of India. His comments came amid reports that Chaudhry Fawad Hussain, a former minister in Pakistan, shared a video featuring Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on his social media |P7

India rebukes report on religious freedom

New Delhi: India has flayed the US Commission on International Religious Freedom report, saying it continues to publish propaganda on the country |P9

WITH THIS ISSUE

CITY'S BEST WEEKEND GUIDE INDULGE — 38 PAGES, INCLUDING 24 OF INDULGE (TABLOID)

Light to moderate rainfall brought some temporary relief from the scorching heat for residents of Bengaluru on Thursday evening | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

B'luru sees dry April for the first time in 123 years

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

FOR the first time in 123 years, Bengaluru experienced a dry spell in April. But now after a gap of 159 days, parts of the city received light to moderate rain on Thursday.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) Bengaluru director N Puviarasan, from 1901 to 2024, it was the first time that the city IMD observatory recorded no rain in April. There were reports of light to moderate rain in parts of the city on Thursday evening. But IMD's observatories did not record any rain.

However, cloud formation and sudden change in weather conditions in the evening gave hope to Bengalureans of a respite from the scorching summer.

Puviarasan said some places in the city will receive rain due to local convection. However, thundershowers will occur after five days. Formation of Clumino-nimbus clouds and thundershowers happen due to local convection.

He said while there will be a respite from rising temperatures for south interior Karnataka, the heat wave alert will continue for north interior Karnataka. P2

BJP rushes to save Sikri fort from Kargil veteran's Hand

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

KNOWN for being the seat of the famous Sufi saint Salim Chishti and the fort of Mughal Emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri is the youngest parliamentary constituency in Uttar Pradesh. It was carved out of Agra in 2008.

BJP's Rajkumar Chahar had won it in 2019 with a thumping five lakh-plus vote margin. But this time around, the contest seems to be evenly poised between the BJP and the Congress. Sikri goes to polls on May 7.

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

Congress candidate Ram Nath Sikarwar — popularly known as Fauji Baba — is giving a tough fight to Chahar, who is reeling under anti-incumbency besides intra-party rebellion.

In 2019, Chahar was a giant killer, having defeated Raj Babbar, the then state president of the Congress. But now Chahar, the national chairman of the BJP's Kisan Morcha, is caught in a double whammy.

Apart from Sikarwar, Chahar is also facing a tough challenge from Rameshwar Chaudhury, son of sitting BJP MLA Babulal Chaudhury. Rameshwar has raised the flag of revolt and is contesting as an independent. He is believed to have better clout than Chahar among the Jat voters. The BJP recently expelled Rameshwar after all efforts to pacify him failed.

Chahar also has to deal with grumpy Kashtriyas because of a perceived slight against the community by the BJP's candidate in Gujarat's Rajkot, Parshottam Rupala. Since Sikarwar is a Kshatriya, he is getting resonance from the community.

To save the seat, senior BJP leaders like Rajnath Singh, a prominent Thakur face, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath are holding multiple rallies in Sikri and Agra to placate the Kshatriyas.

The BJP has also roped in retired Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadoria, another Thakur from Bah who recently joined the party, to pacify the Thakurs. Bhadoria held a roadshow for the BJP candidate. Chahar is mainly relying on the Modi-Yogi factor to stay afloat.

As for the Congress, its leadership is trying to put in more effort to wrest the seat. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi is scheduled to hold a roadshow in Fatehpur Sikri on Friday.

Besides, Sikarwar has his own following. He resides in the Kheragarh village, often stays in a village temple and travels in a four-wheeler. A Kargil war hero, he retired from the Army in 2004. His popularity, especially among the deprived sections, is giving Chahar more worries.

The BSP has fielded Ram Niwas Sharma, a Brahmin, making it a quadrangular contest. Sikri has 1.75 lakh Jats, 3.5 lakh Thakurs, 3 lakh Brahmins, 1.4 lakh Kushwahas, 1.25 lakh Nishads, and Muslims and Vaishyas at 1 lakh each.

Rajkumar Chahar — Ram Nath Sikarwar

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

TEMPORARY RESPITE

SHOWERS OF RELIEF OVER B'LURU, SIMILAR WEATHER THIS WEEKEND

10-20 mins rain coupled with wind resulted in trees being uprooted

Much awaited rain brings relief to residents of Bengaluru. A man on his cycle enjoys the rain in Shankarapuram on Thursday

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BENGALUREANS experienced temporary relief from the excruciating heat after parts of the city witnessed light to moderate rainfalls on Thursday evening.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials, light rainfall was predicted due to extreme heat and cloud formation. Meanwhile, due to gusty winds and thinderstoms in some partd of the city, the BBMP received information of atleast 15 tree being uprooted and huge tree branches falling off across the city.

"The 10 to 20 minutes of rainfall coupled with wind resulted in trees being uprooted. However, no damages or injuries were reported. Some motorists complained about slow moving traffic on BGS Flyover and Mysuru Road between 6:30 to 7:15 pm," said a BBMP Control room official.

Four trees were uprooted in Girinagar, two each in Srinagar, Telecom Layout, Vijaynagar and Azad Nagar Maternity Hospital premises and one each near Hosahalli Metro Station, Koramangala, and Padmanabhanagar.

IMD officials have predicted moderate rainfall for Coastal Karnataka districts like Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Chamarajanagar, Ramanagara, Mysore, Kodagu, Mandya, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru and Kolar on Thursday.

The officials also said, thunderstorms coupled with rain are expected for next four days in Bengaluru.

Light rain forecast for four days in B'luru, Mysuru

Bengaluru: Senior IMD scientist CS Patil forecast light rain in parts of Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, and Kolar and surrounding areas for the next four days. In a bulletin issued at 9pm, he said most parts of south interior Karnataka may receive thundershowers from May 6. According to IMD, while the city observatory recorded trace rainfall, the HAL Airport observatory recorded 2.4mm. According to KSNDMC, highest rainfall recorded till 9pm on Thursday was 20mm at Vidhyapeetha. Anekal recorded 11mm, Maruthi Mandir 12mm, Hampinagar 12.5 mm, Bidarahalli 14.5mm and Doddagubbi 13mm. Kanakapura recorded 16.5mm rain, Channapatna 17mm, Kolar 18 mm and Chamarajanagar 21mm.

Gangashetty tank: 500 saplings saved

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH scorching heat and no borewells around, volunteers in the city used a water pumping motor to use the water from Gangashetty Lake in Mahadevapura Zone, to save 500 tree saplings on the tank bund. The volunteers, however, expressed concern as the lake is almost dry, and they would be able to manage watering the saplings only for the next few weeks. Lake activist Balaji Ragotham said that the tree saplings were planted in August last year. However, this is a big concern now, due to lack of water supply.

"The saplings are tender and need care. We created awareness and asked volunteers to join the initiative. People used to bring cans to water the saplings, but now they are also facing a shortage. School children were also roped in once or twice in a week. But since February, due to exams and now due to holidays, they are not coming. Hence, we deployed 35 cc motor and using it to water the plants. In one hour, we can water all 500 saplings," Ragotham added.

Saplings were planted to protect the lake, address soil erosion and also prevent flooding. "Now the 21.4 acres Gangashetty lake is almost dry. If there are no pre-monsoon showers, the lake will dry in 10 days, which will pose another problem for the saplings which might die without any water," Ragotham said expressing his concern.

Volunteers are also taking care of about 400 saplings on Varasani lake. The water level in this lake is aslo very low and volunteers are hoping for good pre-monsoon showers for lake to fill.

Ex-cop waits for BDA site, 18 yrs after allotment

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IT was in June 2006 that MN Rajanna, former Deputy Superintendent of Police in the Intelligence Department, was awarded a BDA site under the ex-servicemen quota. It is May 2024 and his 40 x 60 sq ft site at Byrathikhane in Arkavathy 18th Block is yet to be handed over to him. He is now 80 and keeps frequenting the BDA office for his rightful due.

The upright officer, who secured the President of India Gold Medal for his services, has spent the last decade meeting countless officers requesting for his site.

Rajanna, who resides with his wife in Bengaluru, told TNIE, "I was allotted Site No. 140 on June 24, 2006, and paid the full sum of Rs 4.53 lakh for it too. I got a letter out of the blue on October 23, 2014, from BDA stating that since the dimensions of my site exceeded the conventional 40x60 sq ft site, I had to pay an additional Rs 5.71 lakh. I was shocked but managed to arrange a loan for it." The BDA then awarded him a Lease-cum-Sale Deed (temporary ownership certificate) on December 19, 2014. "I also got the khata, the Possession Certificate, and the No Objection Certificate from various sections but I was never given the Absolute Sale Deed. I kept paying an annual property tax of Rs 5,830 annually till 2022."

18th Block Arkavathy Layout where Rajanna was alloted a site

The present market value of that site is around Rs 85 lakh.

During one of his visits to the BDA office in 2018 for his Absolute Sale Deed, Rajanna was told by officers of Bengaluru North to opt for an alternative site in any other BDA Layout. "Three staffers told me that they had received oral instructions to convey it to me. They were issued show cause notices by the then Commissioner for misleading me," Rajanna added. Later, Arkavathy Layout was changed and as per the new Common Dimensional Report in 2018, Site No. 132 in Arkavathy was listed as my property. "Its dimensions were less, only 40x57 sq ft, but I was okay with it. However, the approval file was sent to the Town Planning Department for their consent which was unnecessary and this delayed it by three months."

The High Court had set up the Justice Keshava Narayana Committee to take care of problems of Arkavathy Layout allottees. "I approached this committee which issued an order on October 20,2023, allotting Site No.105 for me. The BDA was instructed to hand it over to me within 15 days. Six months down the line, this too has not been done." BDA commisioner N Jayaram said that he will check into the matter.

No approach road to Arkavathy 18th Block

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A forum representing Arkavathy Layout 18th Block residents on Thursday submitted a complaint to the Lokayukta against BDA, stating that due to the lack of an approach road from Hennur Main Road to 18th Block, which has over 600 sites, allottees have had to trespass private properties to access their sites. The complaint also criticises the BDA for not building bridges across sewage drains.

The complaint was filed in person by L Hariharan, on behalf of the association, against the BDA's deputy commissioner (land acquisition), the engineer member and executive engineer, North.

The Association has made the complaint copy public. The 18th Block was carved out by BDA in Byrathikhane village (off Hennur Road), behind Bangalore International School.

The letter states, "At the time of formation of 18th Block in 2006, BDA had clearly earmarked a particular stretch of land located near Bangalore International School for the approach road to Arkavathy Layout 18th Block from Hennur Main Road. This particular stretch of land was subsequently denotified by BDA due to various reasons best known to them."

The layout presently lacks any approach road connecting it to Hennur Road. The complaint added, "We allottees and site owners are currently trespassing several private properties to access our sites, and we are at the mercy of those private individuals to access our sites."

The allottees have lease-cum-sale agreements or Absolute Sale Deed for their sites, and have been paying property tax for the past 17 years, it said.

"In spite of being in physical possession of our sites for 17 years, we have been unable to build our houses as there are several pending court cases. We are facing stiff competition from angry landlosers as they have not been given compensation sites by the BDA yet. Disgruntled landlosers are physically preventing construction of houses or any other activity by allottees until now," the association charged.

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BMTC buses from Chinnaswamy for IPL

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will operate special buses from M Chinnaswamy Stadium on May 4, May 12, and May 18, to facilitate the audience attending the IPL 2024 cricket match. Buses will operate from the stadium to Kadugodi bus stand, Sarjapura, Electronics City, Bannerghatta National Park, Kengeri, Janapriya Township at Magadi Road, Nelamangala, Yelankha 5th Stage, R K Hedge Nagara, Bagaluru and Hoskote.

Workshop by Poorvi Sangeeth Academy

Bengaluru: Poorvi Sangeeth Academy will be organizing a music workshop on 'Santa Shri Purandaradasara Navaratna Malike Krithis' conducted by Venubrahma Kalabhooshana Vid. BK Anantha Ram(renowned Carnatic flautist). The workshop will be conducted every Sunday from May 5 at 4pm, for the next 18 weeks. Any person with a little background in Carnatic or Hindustani music can participate in this workshop. The workshop is open for both, vocal and instrumental (violin, flute, keyboard, veena, harmonium, mandolin, saxophone etc.) artists. Those interested can contact: 9901057081/9008000128 or 080-48540128.

KSET-'23 provisional score list out

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) on Thursday published the subject-wise provisional score list of KSET-'23 paper-1 and paper-2 of all 41 subjects on its website. S Ramya, Executive Director, KEA said, "The subject-wise provisional score list of paper-1 and paper-2 of all the 41 subjects of the KSET-23 held on January 13 has been published. If candidates have any objections to it, they can mail them to keakset2023@gmail.com along with complete details by May 10." KEA also clarified that the candidates should not presume they have qualified in KSET-2023 based on the published provisional score list.

No cold storage facilities, poor infra, flower vendors struggle amid heatwave

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

AMIDST the double whammy of extreme heat and parched conditions, flower vendors from the bustling city market to local nurseries and flower shops, find themselves grappling with dire consequences as their businesses are severely hit. As a response, some vendors have raised the price of flowers to ensure they sell them fresh before the day heats up while others are managing by selling them at usual prices throughout the day to sustain their livelihood.

Many vendors said that the absence of cold storage facilities to store flowers in the hot weather has affected their business. "By 9 am itself, the flowers begin drooping under the harsh sun, giving them a dull appearance. There is no proper water source to refresh the flowers, nor do we have proper cold storage facilities. The customers demand fresh flowers but we do not have any alternatives," a flower vendor at KR Market said.

Subhash, another vendor said, "We lack proper infrastructure to protect flowers from the sun. So we started bringing them in around 12.30 am and informed our customers that we would start selling them between 4 am to 5 am to ensure they stay fresh."

Previously, not many vendors started by 12.30-1 am, but now everyone does. "We are severely affected this year. Everyone is competing for just an extra Rs 5-10. Even wholesale sellers are not offering the usual prices because flowers are wilting quickly which is resulting in decreased sales for them as well," Subhash added.

Flower vendor sprinkles water on the flowers in an attempt to keep them fresh amid extreme heat | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Not just flowers, neem leaves, and tulsi, too, are drying up in less than two hours, Gayathri, a vendor in Malleswaram said and pointed out that due to the non-functional RO unit throughout the day, there is no water to keep them fresh. The entire cycle of vendors purchasing from us to sell outside temples has almost come to a halt. All our earnings are spent on transportation, there is nothing left for us.

Roses are the most preferred by customers and are the most affected by the heat. Apart from other flowers like lilies and orchids, roses start looking dull if the weather heats up even a little, Veeresh, a florist said.

"To shield the stack from the sun, if we pack it tightly, the rose appears lifeless, but if left as is, it dries up. To maintain current sales, we are selling a bouquet of approximately 10 roses for around Rs 300, which is Rs 70-100 more than the usual price. Although we are purchasing flowers in smaller quantities, we still need to maintain variety to sustain our business. Almost every day, the quantity of flowers discarded exceeds the quantity of flowers sold," Veeresh added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

03rd May: We're in another lunar phase at the moment. I know we all have our own fluctuating biological rhythms, but all of us are subject to the Moon's monthly pattern. The Moon has recently brought a peak of energy which is now past. The mood is becoming slightly more relaxed, so anyone who wants to ease off the pressure is welcome to do so.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This is the time to stand up and be counted. You are never one to compromise over questions of principle but today the issues run deeper. You have to make it clear to everyone that your unique gifts must be respected. There doesn't really seem to be any doubt about that.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Petulant planets are designed to disturb your best-laid family arrangements. Given that certain events may be outside your control, you can do your best to rectify the situation. What you have to do first is persuade partners that your course is the right one.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Your classic Geminian qualities are in demand today - especially an ability to bring the rigours of logical analysis to muddled situations, to face the facts and set current situations in their context for people who lack your feel for the truth.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Don't worry so much about money - remem-ber that, as long as you make a tiny profit, no matter how small, nothing too bad can happen. By the way, the current mood of nostalgia is taking you down some interesting romantic paths. You could enjoy a sentimental journey.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The planets are hitting you with everything they've got, which means that you have little choice but to go in and do your best! Hesitate now and you may find a personal opportunity slips from your grasp. But, remember, if someone would make a better ally than enemy, get them on your side.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You are still enjoying secret developments. Most should be totally harmless, if not downright favourable. You may soon learn something spectacular from pondering the mysterious spiritual nature of your existence. A spot of navel-gazing could be just what you need!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your celestial alignments are now beginning to intensify, and one or two energetic people may stroll into your life. You may feel nurtured at a rather fundamental emotional level, and really there is no need to worry too much about your security. But do take the normal steps to safeguard your position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It may be your professional cares or hopes which are dominating the news, or it could be a partner's. Either way, you might have to shelve certain family or domestic questions, no matter how pressing they may be. Then you'll give yourself more time to find out what is really happening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
On the face of it, today's general mood is difficult and unpredictable. Yet look below the surface and you should see that you're being pushed towards much greater self-fulfilment. That's important, because once you understand your motives you'll make the right arrangements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Life is still hectic, yet today the issues are once again narrowed down to money. Have you got enough? Do you need more? And, if so, what for? These are all deeply practical issues that could affect long-term decisions, and could have a bearing on your romantic desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Please put personal rivalries to one side, otherwise you'll say or do something you'll come to regret. You may turn the other cheek and forgive your enemies, even though such noble behaviour perhaps goes against the grain. If you do take such a selfless course, you'll earn respect from unexpected areas.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
What you have probably failed to realise is that it is your acute sensitivity that makes you interpret perfectly innocent statements as personal insults or attacks. Give other people the benefit of the doubt, even if they have got their feet firmly lodged in their mouths.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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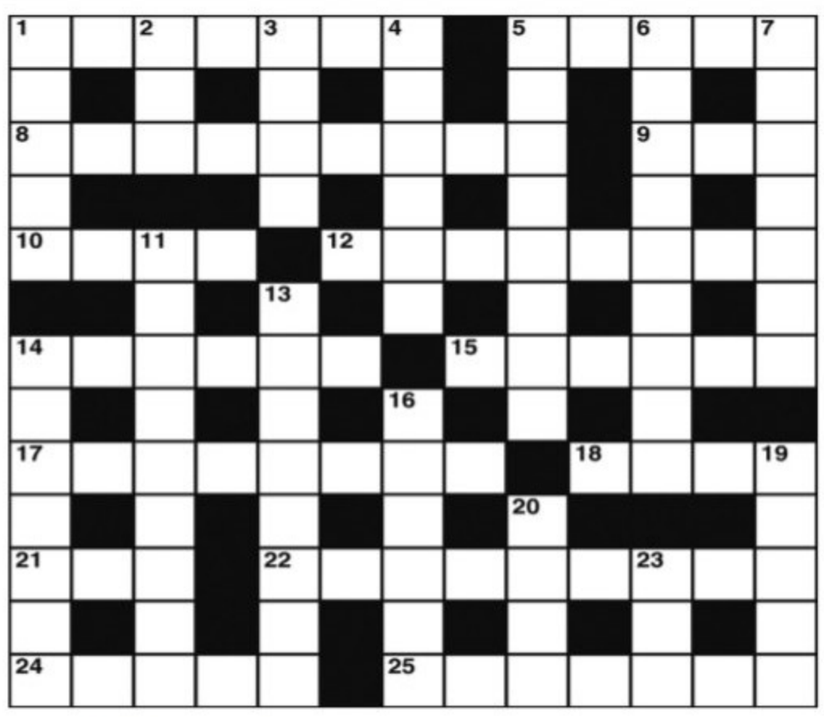

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Setting out, steership inside locks (7)
5 An attic is naturally quite high (5)
8 One who may be troubled with heat burns? (9)
9 Fancy noisy publicity (3)
10 It weakens one's spirit when trouble's about (4)
12 Shakespearean character able to thrive on love? (8)
14 Camel I disciplined shows resentment (6)
15 This by itself is only a gradual process (6)
17 Aleo grin is distributed in the area (8)
18 Choice dishes may be set out on it (4)
21 Reform now and confess (3)
22 Radio sets malfunction for space travellers (9)
24 In dire need of a name for a girl (5)
25 Sailor's fate follows his superior (7)

DOWN

1 The head requires things to be done (5)
2 How one alters in time (3)
3 Swings camera up for a quick photograph (4)
4 A field of activity of all-round significance (6)
5 Wordplay of a Socratic kind (8)
6 Somewhat eccentric rotten core? (3,6)
7 Swimmer who may develop into a jumper (7)
11 Once a public transport industry (9)
13 Royalty's own touch of humour (8)
14 Radio expert out in Minorca (7)
16 Batman turns out to be chicken! (6)
19 Superior class is distressed (5)
20 It's wrong to raise the pace (4)
23 Indisposed one could put on pounds (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Sinister, 5 Igor, 9 Comma, 10 Bouquet, 11 Bridge player, 13 Accept, 14 Bobbin, 17 Left in the air, 20 Leather, 21 Heave, 22 Till, 23 Bearings.

Down: 1 Sack, 2 Numeric, 3 Stand-up fight, 4 Emblem, 6 Gouty, 7 Retiring, 8 Pull together, 12 Fall flat, 15 Britain, 16 Starve, 18 Frail, 19 Lens.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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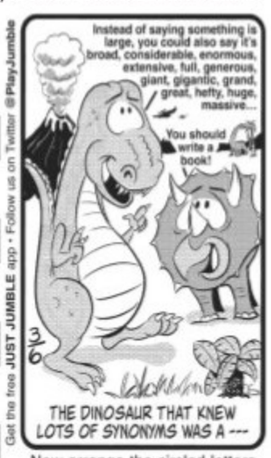

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MESSY UNDUE INDOOR BONNET
Answer: The news anchor's mic recorded her eating which resulted in — SOUND BITES

A 15-year-old boy died after an iron rod fell on his head in Halaguru, Malavalli taluk, on Wednesday. The police said Mohammad Pasha, a resident of Ghousia Nagar in Mysuru, was visiting his uncle Akram's house. As welding work was under way, an iron rod from the ceiling fell on Pasha's head, injuring him fatally. A case is filed

GLANDERS EFFECT

DJ Halli remains cordoned off

Disease takes 3 months to die down

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

AFTER the first case of Glanders was reported in East Bengaluru in mid-April, the animal husbandry department cordoned off DJ Halli and its surroundings, to control the spread of the disease. The area remains cordoned off and department officials say it will be so for the next three months, or till samples test negative.

Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Director Manjunath Palegar told *TNIE* that it takes three months for the disease to die down gradually. "As per procedure, we have to take samples with a time gap of at least a month. The first sample was taken on April 15 when two horses tested positive for Glanders. No equines are allowed in a 5-km radius of the vicinity where the first case was reported. The owner has also been cautioned not to purchase any horses for the next few months."

The first case of Glanders was reported on April 16 by the department, after they had found two horses belonging to Khalid Shariff had tested positive for Glanders. They were found residing in a shed-cum-house on Modi Road, DJ Halli. Soon after this, the department declared the area as the epicentre of the disease and an infected zone. Since then, there are restrictions on the movement and housing of equines, donkeys and mules. The department also declared a 5-25 km radius area as surveillance zone.

Soon after the case was reported, one of the horses died of the disease, and the department euthanised the second infected horse on April 17.

He added that the department is regularly checking the health status of the third horse, which first tested negative for Glanders.

Department officials explained that Glanders is a contagious disease and leads to death among equines, donkeys and mules. It can also transmit to humans and be fatal. There are around 1,200 horses in Bengaluru, and the department is collecting samples of all the horses at regular intervals. Glanders is caused by the bacteria Burkholderia mallei. It leads to ulcers in the respiratory tracts and lungs, and formation of skin called farcy. It is a zoonotic disease.

Picture for representation

HOLIDAY HOWZZAT...

The sizzling summer is no match for the enthusiasm and energy of these boys, who play a game of cricket near Town Hall Circle in Bengaluru on Thursday afternoon | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

HC stays refund of levies, relief for BWSSB

BENGALURU: In a relief to BWSSB, a division bench of the Karnataka High Court on Thursday stayed the order of a single judge directing the Board to refund the Beneficiary Capital Contribution charges and Greater Bangalore Water Sewerage Project charges already deposited by several residents and commercial ventures in areas newly added to the city. While holding that BWSSB imposing the charges as a one-time measure for construction of multi-storeyed buildings coming up in the newly-added 110 villages as illegal, the single judge directed BWSSB to refund the amount. Against this, BWSSB filed an appeal which was heard by a vacation division bench of Justice BM Shyam Prasad and Justice TG Shivashankare Gowda, who passed the interim order staying the direction of the single judge. While partly allowing petitions filed by hundreds of petitioners, the single judge on April 5 held the charges illegal. The judge said those who have already deposited the charges are entitled for a refund. The single judge clarified that holding those charges as illegal will not come in the way of the BWSSB to bring those charges under provisions of the Bengaluru Water and Sewerage Sanitary Act or Rules, by making suitable amendments. Before the single judge, the petitioners also challenged the validity of the imposition of 'Advance probable pro rata charges' and 'Treated water charges for construction' by BWSSB for issue of an 'NOC' to the proposed high-rise residential building.

Court pulls up cops for botched-up probe, acquits accused

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Lokayukta police probe into a case of a woman wrongly pocketing Rs 41.90 lakh as compensation and five compensatory sites has failed to prove the charges against her. The probe by four high-ranking IOs failed to pay attention to the question of validity of revenue documents involved in the case.

This is a criminal case where special courts have been used as a platform by the Lokayukta police to question the validity of revenue documents. Unfortunately, this court has no power or jurisdiction to hold any revenue document as correct or incorrect because revenue matters are handled by revenue courts only, Judge SV Srikanth, Special Court for Lokayukta Cases, stated while acquitting the accused in the 2013 case.

Jayamma of Machohalli village, Bengaluru North taluk, allegedly duped the government by claiming compensation and compensatory sites from BDA by fabricating documents to show that five acres of land, which is part of over 37 acres of gomal land bearing survey No. 6 at Lingadheeranahalli, though it was not part of acquisition made by BDA in 2000 for formation of Banashankari 6th Stage. She was one of nine accused, including some revenue and BDA officers. The records show that the land was allotted to Jayamma in 1954, when she was two years old. However, the IOs did not establish the correctness of age and questioned the "saguvali chit" whether it was forged. The police officer entrusted with such investigation must question the validity of the document, the court said while detailing several anomalies in the probe by investigating officers Abdul Ahad, M Ashwini, VPM Swamy and M Narayana.

After liquid nitrogen, docs raise red flag on use of helium gas

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AFTER liquid nitrogen, health experts have also raised concerns over the hazardous effects of helium gas, commonly pumped into balloons children play with and frequently inhaled nowadays for fun activities to momentarily change one's voice.

"Inhaling helium fills the lungs and creates a diffusion gradient that depletes oxygen. Essentially, each breath of helium reduces the oxygen in the system. After inhaling helium, the body's oxygen level can rapidly drop to dangerous levels within seconds," a government hospital doctor, on condition of anonymity, told TNIE.

Dr Sachin D, Consultant, Interventional Pulmonology Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Fortis Hospital, said that inhaling pure helium displaces oxygen, essential for body functions. This dilution of oxygen can result in hypoxia, characterised by dizziness, lightheadedness, and potentially unconsciousness, he added.

"The rapid decrease in oxygen is because helium does not

trigger the body's low oxygen warning system. Normally, bodies sense a drop in oxygen and increase breathing rate. Helium being lighter is easier to breathe, so the body does not perceive the danger and continues breathing normally which further allows oxygen levels to drop quickly," Dr Sachin elaborated.

Dr Brunda MS, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, said, "Inhaling helium at high pressure can cause gas bubbles to form in the bloodstream. These bubbles can travel to the arteries and potentially block blood flow, leading to a life-threatening condition called arterial gas embolism (AGE) which can cause stroke, heart attack, or even death."

Helium sourced from balloons or non-medical-grade suppliers might contain impurities like other gases or particles. Inhaling these impurities can exacerbate lung irritation and possibly result in respiratory issues. Early symptoms of oxygen deprivation (hypoxia) include lightheadedness, nausea, and dizziness. As helium inhalation continues, individuals may experience difficulty in breathing, coughing, chest tightness, confusion, or loss of consciousness, and sometimes irregular heart rate, low blood pressure, or a bluish discoloration of the lips, Dr Brunda highlighted.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 78359 - Selection of Service provider for implementation of cloud-based Office 365 solution on SaaS model for BEST Undertaking, (2) 78550 - Purchase of i3 Personal Computer, printers and scanners

Re – invited e-tenders

(3) 78074, (4) 78084, (5) 78103.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/15/2024 **GENERAL MANAGER**

UNION BANK OF INDIA
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Branch – Sultanpet City
No.24, Ground floor, Keshava Nivas, Kavikalidasa Road, Gandhi Nagar, Banglore-560024.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India (secured Creditor)** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India, Sultanpet City Branch, No.24, Ground floor, Keshava Nivas, Kavikalidasa Road, Gandhi Nagar, Banglore-560 024.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mrs. K Manjula No.58/1, Krishna Reddy Layout Agrahara, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100, **(2) Mr. Thippana** No.58/1, Krishna Reddy Layout Agrahara, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100.

Amount due: Rs. 8,15,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Only) as on **31.03.2024** with further interest, cost & expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold : All that piece and parcel of Site No.29, Katha No.37, Chikkathagour Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 720.00 Sq.ft Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site No.36, North by : House of M Nanjunda, South by : Part of Site No.29 Now sold to Mr. D L Puttaswamy.

Reserve Price : Rs.44,20,000/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 4,42,000/-
(Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Only)
(10% of Reserve Price)
Date and time of E-Auction: 12.06.2024 from 12.00 Noon to 5.00 P.M (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction,
E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
The intending purchaser require to register through :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The online E-auction will be held through website: **https://www.mstcecommerce.com**
For auction related queries e-mail to sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com or contact Union Bank of India,Sultanpet City Branch, No.24, Ground floor, Keshava Nivas, Kavikalidasa Road, Gandhi Nagar, Banglore-560024 and Mail ID: ubin0900222@unionbankofindia.bank also the Senior Manager Mr.Shanees K A for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property, Contact No.9400199152

Date: 02.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Union Bank of India.**

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.
No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Ph: 080-26676325, 26983700, 22976600, 22976622, 22976656
E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **20.12.2023** calling upon the Borrower; **Sri Rama Kishore. S S/o. Srinivasa Naidu,** No. 68, 2nd Cross, Bhadrappa Layout, Nagashettihalli, Bengaluru - 560094. and **Guarantor: Sri S.M. Madhu S/o. S.M. Chaugule,** No. 59, 1st Floor, 1st Main, KEB Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru - 560094 and **Also at: Sri S.M. Madhu S/o. S.M. Chaugule, Ditna Consultancy,** No. 23/A, 5th Main, 1st Cross, KEB Layout, Bengaluru - 560094 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being **Rs. 90,53,499.41 (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine and Paise Forty One Only) as on 04.11.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the Notices sent to the last known addresses of the Borrower and Guarantor were returned un-served, the Bank has published the said Demand Notice dated on 20.12.2023 in the Kannada daily 'Kannada Prabha" and in English daily "The New Indian Express" dated 25.01.2024 calling upon the Borrower and Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice along with the interest and charges **within 60 days** from the date of publication of the said Demand Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **30th Day of April of the year 2024.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Magadi Road Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 90,53,499.41 (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine and Paise Forty One Only) as on 04.11.2023** together with further interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and the charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.21, Khata No.53 and 55, Byatarayanapura CMC (Now BBMP) BBMP Khata No.53/54/21, Nagashettyhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West Northern Side 38.0 Feet, Southern Side 39.0 Feet, North to South Eastern Side 25.00 Feet, Western Side 29.0 feet along with building and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.20, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Drainage, **South by :** Site No.22.

Date : 30-04-2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No: U-E-OT-2024-04 DATED 30.04.2024

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General Service / Madurai, for and on behalf of the President of Union of India, invites E-TENDER for the following work.

The prospective tenderers/bidders will be able to submit their offers online & upto **15:00 hrs. on 22.05.2024** which is the closing time of the tender. Submission of offers manually is not permissible and manual offers if any, received even within the closing time of the tender, will be summarily rejected.

Sl. No.	Tender No & Name of the Work	App. Tender Value in ₹	Bid Security in ₹	Period of Completion
1	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2024-01-01** MVN Station: Improvements of freight train examination facilities - Power Supply Arrangements and Wiring & Installation	**59,35,885/-**	**1,18,700/-**	**6 Months**
2	**Tender No.U-E-OT-2024-01-02** MDU Division: Proposed extension and raising of PF at VPT-MEJ-TN section - Power Supply Arrangements and Wiring & Installation.	**53,97,537/-**	**1,08,000/-**	**6 Months**

Time & Date of closing: **15:00 & 22.05.2024**

NOTE:

1. The prospective tenderers/bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender).
2. Contractors/Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
3. Contractors/Bidders are requested to Pay Bid Security. The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The bid without Bid Security will be summarily rejected.
4. No tender form cost for all the above tenders.

For details interested persons may kindly be log on to website at **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** For other details, terms and conditions, the tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded. All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

CORRIGENDUM- E-Tender Notice

The CE, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nagpur has invited E-Tender **RFx No.–7000030929 which is extended upto 10.05.2024, the description of original RFx may please be read as** SUPPLY & ETC FOR REPLACEMENT OF 2NOS. EXISTING MOCB DC BREAKER WITH SF6 DC BREAKER AT HVDC TERMINAL CHANDRAPUR, which is wrongly mentioned in tender notice.

All the other terms & conditions of above E-Tender remain unchanged.

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CHIEF ENGINEER, EHV P.C.O&M ZONE, MSETCL, NAGPUR.

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Quantity	EMD (Rs.)
1.	14241041 22.05.2024	SOUND INSULATING WOOD PANELS (02 TYPES).	22308 Nos. 10900 Nos.	2000000
2.	05241296 30.05.2024	Roof Flange	1634 Nos	55140/-
3.	17241122 10.06.2024	i) Guard-Room/Crew-Room Door ii) Crew-Room/Generator Room Door	120 Nos 126 Nos	2,94,810/-
4.	14241058 22.05.2024	SOUND DAMPING/INSULATION PAINT	272 Nos.	7,31,780/-
5.	02241225 30.05.2024	PUMP EQUIPMENT WITH PLC CONTROLLER	934 Sets	445260/-
6.	02241251 12.06.2024	24V STARTER BATTERY CHARGER FOR 500KVA DA SET	193 Nos	115690.00
7.	05241194 29.05.2024	AXLE MOUNTED DISC BRAKE SYSTEM (4 Types)	1782 SET	5000000.00
8.	02241260 31.05.2024	FIVE TYPES OF THIN WALLED FLEX ELAST CABLE IN 2.5 SQMM	94300 MTR.	67320.00
9.	02241265 03.06.2024	THIRTEEN TYPES OF THIN WALLED FLEX ELAST CABLE IN 4 & 6 SQMM	224100 MTR.	260150.00
10.	02241281 14.06.2024	FOUR TYPES OF THIN WALLED FLEX ELAST CABLE IN 95 & 150 SQMM	93100 MTR.	2000000.00
11.	02241285 04.06.2024	FOUR TYPES OF THIN WALLED FLEX ELAST CABLE IN 95 & 120 SQMM	1900 MTR.	52290.00
12.	04241036 04.06.2024	70 AH 110V. VRLA BATTERY	332 SET	7,22,430.00
13.	05241262 03.06.2024	SET OF SIDE WALL ASSLY AND ROOF COMPLETE FOR LHB COACHES	909 Set	5000000/-
14.	05241219 31.05.2024	EMERGENCY BRAKE PULL BOX	16863 Nos.	2000000.00
15.	01241150 10.06.2024	TRACTION CENTER	2000 Nos.	278240

CORRIGENDUM

1. Tender No. 13245022; **Due date:** To be read as 13.05.2024 instead of 02.05.2024; **2. Tender No.** 14241002; **Due date:** To be read as 06.05.2024 instead of 30.04.2024; **MDTS:** To be read as MDTS-28001 Rev.3 instead of MDTS-28001 Rev.5; **3. Tender No.** 17231475A; **Due date:** To be read as 07.05.2024 instead of 30.04.2024; for SUPPLY INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSION OF AUTOMATIC SMOKE, FIRE DETECTION WITH ALARM SYSTEM ON RETRO FITMENT BASIS IN EXISTING/FIRE 3 PHASE EMU/MEMU RAKES OVER INDIAN RAILWAYS **4. Tender No.** 17241079; **MDTS:** To be read as MDTS-214 REV-12 WITH ADDENDUM AS PER LNO. MD46111 DATED 16.04.2024 AND CORRIGENDUM-1 AS PER LNO.MD46111 DATED 18.04.2024 instead of MDTS214 REV. 12 WITH ADDENDUM AS PER LNO. MD46111 DATED 21.03.2024; **5. Tender No.** 17241075; **Due date:** To be read as 06.05.2024 instead of 29.04.2024; **Drawing no:** of PL No. 33601276, To be read as MI007106 Alt d instead of MI007106 Alt b

1.For details and making On-line Tender, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at Website **http://www.cce.gov.in 2.** Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS. S.No 1,3,4 Tenders will opened at Kapurthala New Delhi, and S.No. 2,5 to15 Tender will opened at Tilak Bridge ; **3.** For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897 **PCMM**

NO. 15-S/2024-25 **Dated: 02.05.2024**

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (PRESS NOTICE)

ICAI invites bids, in prescribed format, from experienced and reputed Architectural firms / Interior Firms for Appointment of Architect/Interior Designer having their **registered office premises in the state of Karnataka** for providing comprehensive Architectural and PMC/ Designing services for **'Furnishing of Auditorium for HUBBALLI BRANCH at "ICAI BHAWAN" "ICAI Marg" Keshwapur, HUBBALLI – 580 023, Karnataka, India.**

The bid shall be open for all the Architectural firms / Interior Firms having their registered office in the state of Karnataka. The bidders are requested to kindly check their eligibility as provided in the tender document before submitting the bids.

The last date of receipt of duly filled in bids is **25/ 05/ 2024, up to 05 :30 P.M.** The detailed terms and conditions/Tender are available at ICAI's website & www.icai.org/post/icai-eoi-tenders & www.sirc.icai.org

Sd/- Secretary, ICAI

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No.: KSMCA/F&A/FD/2024-25 Date: 02.05.2024

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement)

KSMCA Ltd. invites separate tenders (6 Nos.) through e-Procurement portal as per KTPP Act, 1999 from reputed Nationalized Banks to quote competitive rate of Interest for investment of Company's surplus funds in Fixed Deposit. Documents can be accessed from e-Procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No.	Tender Nos.	Last date & time for submission of tender	Opening date & time of tender
1	KSMCA/F&A/ FD/01/2024-25	13.05.2024 5.00 p.m.	14.05.2024 5.30 p.m.
2	KSMCA/F&A/ FD/02/2024-25	13.05.2024 5.00 p.m.	14.05.2024 5.30 p.m.
3	KSMCA/F&A/ FD/03/2024-25	13.05.2024 5.00 p.m.	14.05.2024 5.30 p.m.
4	KSMCA/F&A/ FD/04/2024-25	13.05.2024 5.00 p.m.	14.05.2024 5.30 p.m.
5	KSMCA/F&A/ FD/05/2024-25	13.05.2024 5.00 p.m.	14.05.2024 5.30 p.m.
6	KSMCA/F&A/ FD/06/2024-25	13.05.2024 5.00 p.m.	14.05.2024 5.30 p.m.

The management has the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereon.

Sd/- Managing Director

Probe team to invoke rape charge, Revanna seeks anticipatory bail

MLA claims case filed to spoil Prajwal's election prospects

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HOLENARSIPURA MLA **HD Revanna** on Thursday moved a Special Court for anticipatory bail, in view of the jurisdictional court granting permission to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to invoke charges of rape. The SIT is probing the alleged sexual harassment case involving the former minister and his son Prajwal Revanna, who is Hassan MP.

Issuing notice to the SIT, the Special Court to try criminal cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs adjourned the hearing to Friday. Revanna and Prajwal are the first and second accused respectively, in the case registered by Holenarasipura Town police. Senior counsel Murthy D Naik, on behalf of Revanna, vehemently argued that they have filed an interim bail application along with the petition. Though the alleged offences against Revanna are bailable in nature, subsequently, the investigating agency has sought permission of the competent jurisdictional court to invoke provisions of IPC Section 376 (rape charges), he argued.

Further, he argued that the petitioner himself has sworn to that extent, but the copy of the permission accorded by the jurisdictional court to invoke rape charges is yet to be obtained. Considering the submissions made by the counsel, the court issued notice to the investigating agency. At this juncture, the senior counsel submitted that a Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) has been appointed in this case. Taking it on record, the court asked the SPP, B N Jagadeesha, to take notice on behalf of SIT and file objections, if any.

Revanna contended that the case has been filed with political malice, in order to hinder the election prospects of his son Prajwal and to harass him. He is innocent of the alleged crime and has been made a scapegoat by opposition parties as a vengeful attempt to malign his reputation.

SURAJ REVANNA POINTS AT CONSPIRACY TO WEAKEN HIS DAD

HASSAN: Admitting that he had met Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar in January this year, **Suraj Revanna**, the elder brother of alleged sex scandal accused Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, on Thursday reiterated that the meeting was only to discuss development works and grants for the same. Speaking to reporters here, Suraj stated that he never met the KPCC chief over any other issue. Since then, he has not met any Congress leaders either. Suraj, who is also an MLC, pointed at an alleged political conspiracy behind filing of an FIR against his father, HD Revanna. "The people of Hassan district know Revanna and cannot compare any leader with him. Some political forces are allegedly making futile attempts to weaken and finish off Revanna politically," he alleged. Suraj added that he doesn't know about the case involving his brother Prajwal, and the SIT is probing the alleged sex scandal. "We will wait and see," he added. He brushed aside speculation of joining the Congress, while exuding confidence that Prajwal will win the Hassan seat again. **ENS**

Gowda meets legal experts to defend grandson

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FORMER prime minister HD Deve Gowda held deliberations with legal experts to chalk out a strategy to set up a strong defence for his grandson Prajwal Revanna, who finds himself in the midst of a major sex scandal this election season, and has allegedly fled the country.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up by the Congress government in Karnataka, has intensified its probe by issuing a look-out notice on Prajwal, who was reportedly in Germany. Through his lawyers, he had sought seven days' time to appear before the SIT. But according to sources, the SIT is likely to reject his application, seeking exemption to appear before it earlier. The SIT may issue another notice, as it is learnt that he has flown to Dubai, sources said. The investigation team wants him to appear at the earliest, to ensure that the accused does not destroy evidence, they added.

It is in this regard that Gowda met legal teams at his residence here, in the presence of his son and former CM HD Kumaraswamy, who is also Prajwal's uncle. Prajwal's parents, HD Revanna and Bhavani, also called on Gowda.

The pressure mounted on the Gowda family, as even Chief Minister Siddaramaiah wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, urging him to take action and cancel Prajwal's diplomatic passport.

KPCC women's wing workers sit in protest, demanding arrest of Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna, in Kalaburgai on Thursday

Modi sought votes for 'mass rapist', must apologise: Rahul

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

FORMER AICC president Rahul Gandhi on Thursday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise to every woman of the country for seeking votes for the NDA candidate from Hassan, Prajwal Revanna, whom he referred to as a "mass rapist".

Repeatedly calling Prajwal a "mass rapist", Rahul accused the incumbent Hassan MP of raping 400 women. He also alleged that the BJP's top leadership, including PM Modi, despite knowing the crimes committed by Prajwal, went ahead and forged an alliance with the JDS for the Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing an election campaign meeting at Allamaprabhu Maidan in Shivamogga on Thursday, Rahul said that Prajwal raped 400 women and filmed the crime. "It is not a sex scandal, but mass rape. On the stage, Modi supported the mass rapist. Modi told Karnataka that if the people vote for the mass rapist, it will help him. Every woman in Karnataka should know that when the PM was asking for your votes, he already knew the crimes Prajwal committed. Every BJP leader already knew that Prajwal was a mass rapist and still, they supported him and forged an alliance with the JDS. The PM should apologise to every woman in the country that he brought a mass rapist on the stage and sought your support for him. The PM has insulted every woman in the country. Therefore, Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and every BJP leader should seek apology from women... mothers and sisters with folded hands and bowing their heads down," Rahul charged.

Rahul said that the news regarding Modi supporting a mass rapist has spread across the world. "This is the ideology of the BJP. The BJP is ready to do anything for power and hence they needed an alliance with the JDS. Just imagine, the Indian PM in front of the world has sought votes for a mass rapist. He is ready to do anything for power," Rahul said.

Stepping up his attack, Rahul alleged that despite having all intelligence and customs, the PM allowed Prajwal to escape to Germany and this is Modi's guarantee. "If you are a corrupt politician and a mass rapist, the BJP will protect you," the Congress leader alleged.

Displaying a copy of the Indian Constitution, Rahul alleged that the BJP has been trying to change the Constitution to end reservation and if they do so, the poor will get nothing.

"Your land will be snatched away and you will have no future. If Dalits, Adivasis, backward classes, and poor general caste citizens have got power, it is because of the Constitution. Hence, the entire country needs to fight the BJP and RSS together for protection of the Constitution," he said.

Rahul also sought an apology from BJP national president J P Nadda for calling those who seek equality as Naxalites and thereby attacking the Constitution.

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DK Suresh wants PM, Gowda to respond

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BANGALORE Rural MP and DCM DK Shivakumar's younger brother DK Suresh on Thursday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda to respond to Prajwal Revanna's alleged sex scandal.

"The PM, who is accountable for being part of the alliance with the JDS, should reply and also guide on the next course of action," he said, addressing the press. "Modi takes different issues of Karnataka elsewhere to dishonour the state. But why is he not talking about this issue? Prime Minister is directly responsible for this. Didn't the Prime Minister know about the sex scandal earlier? Didn't local BJP leaders write to him?" he questioned. He alleged that despite the Prajwal case being discussed at the screening committee to select him as NDA candidate, and Kumaraswamy opposing his candidature, the BJP gave him the ticket and campaigned. He also urged Deve Gowda, who he said holds press conferences and writes petitions over trivial issues, to respond to accusations against his grandson. "He should interpret the proverb 'noolinante seere' (as saree, as yarn)," he quipped.

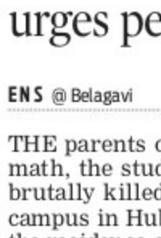
Replying to Kumaraswamy's allegation that the Congress government was responsible for Prajwal's chauffeur Karthik allegedly leaking the tapes and escaping to Malaysia, Suresh hit back, saying, "Kumaraswamy has maintained an international agency and he has all information about it. I have no information about this."

Support Mrinal, Neha's father urges people

ENS @ Belagavi

THE parents of Neha Hiremath, the student who was brutally killed on a college campus in Hubballi, visited the residence of Women and Child Development Minister **Laxmi Hebbalkar** on Thursday to thank her for giving all the needed support to the family in these difficult times.

Neha's father, Niranjan Hiremath, on the occasion said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah came home to express his support after his daughter was killed, and assured of a thorough investigation. Niranjan, a Congress councilor of Hubballi Dharwad Municipal Corporation, also said that the CM said the government would ensure that the killer also gets the stringent punishment.



Niranjan also appreciated the role played by Hebbalkar in standing by his family in the difficult times and said that she would also raise the issue of Neha's death in the Assembly. He appealed to the people to support Mrinal Hebbalkar, son of Laxmi Hebbalkar, who was contesting the Lok Sabha elections as a Congress candidate from Belagavi.

Niranjan said that he would want the people to support Mrinal to raise the issue of Neha's murder in the Parliament in the coming days. He thanked all the leaders irrespective of their political affiliations and the student associations, including ABVP, for supporting the family. Niranjan said the incident of Neha's murder had been raised by several politicians, including PM Narendra Modi, with the sole aim of giving justice to the bereaved family.

Youth Congress members carry out a torch and flag procession, in protest against the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna, at Congress Bhavan in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

2 women file harassment complaints against Prajwal

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NAVEEN Gowda is alleged to have posted the video on social media and deleted it after the complaint was filed. The SIT officers have found proof against Karthik, the former car driver of Prajwal, of leaking obscene videos on WhatsApp to Naveen Gowda. Speaking to reporters in Kalaburagi, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara confirmed that, so far, two women have lodged sexual harassment complaints. He said Prajwal, through his advocate, requested the SIT to give him more time to appear before it. "As far as my knowledge goes, there is no provision to extend time. If he fails to appear before SIT, it may initiate steps to arrest him. Already a 'Look Out Notice' has been served against him," he added.

The government will not interfere with the investigation by SIT. If Revanna fails to appear before SIT on Thursday, it may take steps to arrest him, Dr Parameshwara said.

On why the government delayed registering a case against him though it knew about the issue, the home minister said it was not an ordinary case, but a sensitive one. In such cases, the police could not register suo motu cases because there were chances of the victims taking extreme steps. "When the Women's Commission wrote to the government, we constituted SIT without any delay," Dr Parameshwara said, assuring that the government is committed to giving protection to the victims and will persuade them to register complaints.

BJP-JDS conspiring to cover up case: Ugrappa

Questioning the two opposition alliance partners over their conduct in the wake of the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, former LS member VS Ugrappa alleged, "There is a systematic conspiracy by the BJP and JDS to cover up Prajwal's alleged sex scandal case, but the BJP is blaming DCM DK Shivakumar for the release of the pen drive."

Kage sparks controversy with his 'beggars' remark

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CONGRESS MLA from Kagwad, Raju Kage, sparked controversy on Thursday after allegedly comparing Hindu activists to beggars by calling them "Bhikaarchot" during a campaign.

At a campaign for Congress candidate Priyanka Jarkiholi at Jugul village of Kagwad taluk in Chikkodi Lok Sabha constituency, Kage allegedly said, "The people of the country cannot free themselves from problems by constructing the Ram Temple. We would also construct temples if they provided solutions to the people's problems. BJP workers only know to shout slogans like 'Jai Sriram'. I have done all this 40 years ago. I am ready and capable of answering them. But it is not to my level. They are Bhikhaarchot. Therefore, people should vote for Congress if they want development."

Congress leaders Raju Kage (left) and RB Timmapur

Meanwhile, a day after Karnataka Excise Minister RB Thimmapur made a controversial statement by taking the name of Lord Krishna, several people, including BJP leaders, slammed him.

Thimmapur, speaking to the media on Wednesday about the Prajwal Revanna case, stated that probably the JDS leader wanted to break Lord Krishna's record. Slamming him, Amit Malviya, the BJP's IT cell chief, said, "Thimmapur's Hindu hate is so pervasive that he didn't stop at dragging Bhagwan Krishna's name. Earlier, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge pitted Shiva against Rama. The Congress is best advised to keep Hindu deities and dharma out of their stinking, self-loathing politics."

Meanwhile, many netizens also slammed Thimmapur for insulting Hinduism and Hindus.

RAVI CALLS FOR FAIR INVESTIGATION TO REVEAL TRUTH

BELAGAVI: Referring to the alleged sex scandal, involving Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna, BJP leader CT Ravi on Thursday said, "The case will indirectly influence the elections at a small level, but the Congress is trying to present it as a big crime committed by the NDA." Speaking at a press conference here on Thursday, Ravi said, "The state government has formed an SIT and started an investigation. The truth will come out sooner, if the probe is supervised by a woman judge. I agree with the statement of former CM HD Kumaraswamy in connection with the case. The law of the land cannot be different for different people; It applies to everyone. We cannot declare anyone as guilty, until the investigation has been completed. The truth will come out after the investigation." As per a statement of the complainant, this scandal revolves around an incident of 4-5 years ago. However, it seems that the Congress has forgotten that it was in alliance with the JDS back then. Hence, a fair investigation is needed to reveal the truth. "The Congress cannot see good things, and has more belief in lies," he alleged. When queried about minister Shivaraj Tangadagi's statement against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ravi said, "Tangadagi does not know the meaning of democracy. Thus, he appealed to the people to slap those who cheer Modi's name. Voters are gods in democracy, which Tangadagi has forgotten." He also slammed Kagwad MLA Raju Kage for his controversial statements, and for threatening voters that their power connections will be cut off if the Congress is not voted, and also DCM DK Shivkumar for threatening voters, to cut off water and drainage connections to apartment complexes in Bengaluru. **ENS**

Paresh Mesta case: BJP accuses Hemant Nimbalkar of favouring then Siddu govt

ENS @ Karwar

THE Paresh Mesta death case of 2018 has returned as a point of contention in the 2024 polls, with Congress candidate Anjali Nimbalkar facing the heat from the BJP, which is accusing her husband and senior police officer Hemant Nimbalkar of favouring the then Siddaramaiah dispensation during the investigation.

The case has since been closed, after the CBI filed a 'B' report, stating a lack of concrete evidence to term it a murder. However, it is still being politicised in the district with both Congress and BJP squabbling over it. Anjali's husband is on BJP's radar for cases booked against Hindu activists during that time.

The issue reignited when the BJP protested over student Neha Hiremath's murder, when Minister for Ports and Fisheries Mankal Vaidya stated that "BJP just needs a dead body for politics", indirectly pointing towards the 2018 issue. Though the allegations reverberated every now and then during the Congress' campaign, BJP Lok Sabha candidate Vishveshwar Hegde Kageri spoke for the first time, blaming Hemant Nimbalkar for indiscriminately arresting people and putting them behind bars. "We were protesting. We were arrested and booked. He rounded up all the Hindu activists and sent them in a KSRTC bus. Now, years later, the Congress leaders scream, saying we escaped in a KSRTC bus. Nimbalkar was acting on behalf of the Congress government. He arrested people unconcerned with the matter. What did Rupali Naik do to be arrested and booked? Why was Dinakar Shetty arrested? Hundreds of Hindu workers were just arrested to please his Congress bosses," he charged.

'One Nation, One Election impractical'

ENS @ Belagavi

FORMER CM Veerappa Moily has called the BJP's plans of bringing about a 'One Nation, One Election' concept a conspiracy, and said by having such a system in force, PM Narendra Modi believes his party would get maximum votes.

Moily said that as per the one election theory, the plan was to hold elections to the Lok Sabha, state assemblies, panchayats, local bodies etc., simultaneously.

However, at least 60 days were needed to complete the ongoing election to Lok Sabha alone, he said, adding that it may take several years to complete the election if it was held as per BJP's 'One nation, One election' concept.

The BJP was planning this concept only to establish its stranglehold on the country, he alleged.

Commenting on the LS polls, he said the BJP was claiming it would win more than 400 seats but will have to be content with 150 to 200 seats in reality. Modi's 10-year rule will come to an end, he said.

The Wayanad Prakruthi Samrakshana Samithi wrote to CM Pinarayi Vijayan, demanding the government to issue a pass and entry fee for vehicles entering the district, owing to the surge of tourists. It has affected water availability, agriculture and the lives of the locals

DOCTORED SHAH VIDEO

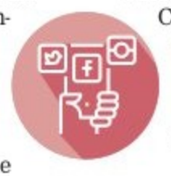
5 CONG SOCIAL MEDIA CELL MEMBERS HELD

Shah had spoken of cancelling unconstitutional Muslim reservation

SWETHAVIMALA M @Hyderabad

HYDERABAD police detained five Congress members on Thursday in connection with the circulation of a doctored video by the Congress on their X handle featuring Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The BJP filed two complaints against the Telangana Congress — in Hyderabad and Delhi — alleging that the team had reportedly morphed and circulated a video of Shah's statement on reservations. After several tweets and retweets, the video was later deleted from the Congress X handle.



In their official complaint, the BJP stated that Amit Shah said: "If Bharatiya Janata Party forms the government, then we will cancel the unconstitutionally given Muslim reservations. In Telangana, SC/ST and OBC rights will be given but Muslim reservation will be cancelled."

However, the BJP alleged that TPCC chief Revanth Reddy, in his X account, had doctored the video to instead convey, "If Bharatiya Janata Party forms the government, then SC/ST and OBC reservations will be cancelled."

Following the complaints, a team of Delhi police earlier visited Gandhi Bhavan and issued notices to Revanth and five other Congress leaders asking them to join the investigation on May 1 at New Delhi. However, due to the CM's involvement in the election campaign, his legal team represented him and requested a four-week extension.

The Delhi police also reportedly arrived in Hyderabad on Thursday for further investigation into the case. However, the five accused were already detained at the Central Crime Station here, sources said.

Interestingly, though two FIRs were filed against the Congress on the same issue, the sections invoked by the Hyderabad police are different from that of the Delhi police.

While the Delhi police registered a case under IPC Sections 153, 153-A, 465, 469 and 171G read with Section 66-C of the Information Technology Act, the Hyderabad Cyber Crime police booked the accused under IPC Sections 469 and 505(1) C. Notably, 153-A is a cognisable and non-bailable offence.

The Delhi Police is likely to serve a second notice to the members of the Telangana Congress in connection to the case. The four members of the Telangana Congress, who were supposed to appear before the office of the IFSO, have not done so till now.

SIP OF RELIEF

With the temperature rising, fresh juice centres in the city are making it big. Local residents sip on fresh juices to beat the intense heat in Chennai | PJAWAHAR

K'taka to ditch 4-yr degree prog, go back to 3-yr courses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka state government has decided to end the four-year honours course, and continue with the three-year degree programme. The state government has come to this decision based on the suggestions made by the State Education Policy Commission headed by former chairman of University Grants Commission Sukhdev Thorat.

The Congress government had scrapped the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) in 2023. According to sources in the department, students in the third year of their degrees will be allowed to pursue a fourth year not to hamper their education. However, this will be the last NEP batch in Karnataka.

Officials in the higher education department added that they are waiting for the third phase of polling which is to be held on May 7 to conclude. Another official confirmed that a press conference will be held to make an official announcement along with an order addressed to all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and Vice Chancellors in the state. Meanwhile, VCs have already been directed not to allow new applications for the four-year degree course for the new admission cycle of 2024-25. All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO) office secretary Mahantesh Bilur celebrated the withdrawal of four-year degree courses. Since the implementation of NEP 2020, segments of the student community had protested against the change given the fee hike, lack of infrastructure, lack of faculty and inadequate academic resources. Sources said the decision has been taken based on an interim report submitted by the commission.

NAIDU VOWS TO CONTINUE 4% QUOTA FOR MUSLIMS

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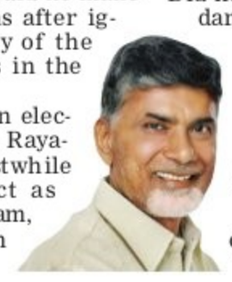
TAKING a dig at the claim of Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy that his government fulfilled 99% of the promises made in the YSRC election manifesto, TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday sought to know how could he make such tall claims after ignoring majority of the people's issues in the last five years.



Addressing an election meeting at Rayachoti in the erstwhile Kadapa district as part of Praja Galam, along with former Chief Minister and Rajampet BJP candidate N Kiran Kumar Reddy, the TDP chief mentioned that though Prime Minister Narendra Modi too had pressed the button, he never publicised like how Jagan has been trumpeting it. "Did Jagan implement total prohibition? Did he abolish the contributory pension scheme? Did he release the job calendar?" Naidu questioned.

Assuring the Muslims of continuing the 4% reservation for them, Naidu asserted that the TDP is committed to the welfare of minorities.

The TDP supremo questioned Jagan as to why he is publishing his photos on pattadar passbooks, and announced that the Land Titling Act will be repealed soon after the formation of the TDP-led NDA government in the State. "We are going to win the elections to lay the foundation for development of the State," he averred.

Asking the people whether their living standards have improved in the past five years or whether their income has gone up, he said the YSRC government did nothing for the development of the backward Rayalaseema region. Though officials had submitted a report on prevailing drought in several mandals of Kadapa district, the Chief Minister simply ignored it, he alleged.

Heatwave: Kerala colleges to be shut

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IN view of the prevailing heatwave situation in Kerala, the high level meeting of Kerala State Disaster Management Authority chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has decided to declare holidays for professional colleges and other educational institutions until May 6. The meeting which was attended by the district collectors reviewed the situation in every district. The meeting has also decided to reschedule the parade and training sessions of police, fire brigade, NCC, SPC and other military units to avoid peak hour sunlight between 11 am and 3 pm. In a release issued here after the review meeting, the Chief Minister has urged to adjust the working hours for construction workers, farmers, street vendors, fishermen and other labourers between 11 am and 3 pm. The meeting has also directed to adjust the working hours at workplaces with asbestos, tin roofs and other heat-intensive environments. The fire department has been directed to carry out fire audits in areas vulnerable to fire like markets, high rise buildings and waste management facilities. The meeting has also decided to plant more tree saplings on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5. The meeting has also directed the ministers in charge of respective districts to chair meetings and review the status of pre-monsoon sanitation drives.

Temperature touches 46.6°C in Telangana

Hyderabad: Telangana continued to experience torrid temperatures on Thursday, with the mercury exceeding the 46°C mark in 11 districts. As per the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS), Nalgonda recorded 46.6°C, the highest in the state. It was closely followed by Bhadradri Kothagudem, Mulugu and Suryapet districts at 46.5°C. Jagtial, Khammam and Peddapalli districts recorded 46.4°C on Thursday, followed by Mahabubabad district at 46.3°C. In Hyderabad, Quthbullapur recorded the highest temperature of 43.4°C. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) in Hyderabad has predicted prolonged heatwave conditions at isolated pockets in various districts of the state, with an orange alert being issued till May 5.

Tension in Kalaburagi village after youth dies by suicide

CISF personnel speaks with MP Umesh Jadhav and other leaders

KALABURAGI: Tension prevailed for some time at Lad Mugali village of Kalaburagi district on Thursday when some people from the Kuruba community (Halumata) carried the body of a youth who committed suicide by hanging on Wednesday fearing the consequences of an atrocity case filed against him. The deceased is Nikhil Pujari (25). It is said there was a clash between the youths of Dalit and Kuruba communities during a jatra (fair) at Lad Muguli. People belonging to the Dalit community filed an atrocity case against Nikhil and 13 others following which police summoned leaders of both communities to the police station to make peace between them. It is said that, in the meeting, Nikhil agreed to pay some amount to the other community on Wednesday for withdrawing the case. However, he received a a threat call after he returned home which reportedly drove him to take the extreme step.

Very soon! Private train to Goa, Mumbai, Ayodhya

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IN a first, a private train is available from Kerala for tourists planning a trip to destinations such as Goa, Mumbai and Ayodhya. The private train journey package was launched by SRMPR Global Railways, a Chennai-based tour operator, in partnership with Kochi-based Princy World Travel Limited.

An individual or a group of 600 pax, can book a private train journey to three prominent destinations--Goa, Mumbai and Ayodhya from Kerala, officials said here. The inaugural journey is set to depart on June 4 from Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram to Madgoan in Goa. The four-day tour package is available in three categories: 2-tier AC at Rs 16,400 per person, 3-tier AC at Rs 15,150 per person and non-AC sleeper at Rs 13,999. The package includes a stay, food and sightseeing.

The journeys undertaken on these trains offer services like off-board travel and excursions by buses, stay at hotels, tour guides, meals, travel insurance are provided along with comfortable train journeys and allied onboard services.

This is the first time that a private company is getting into this segment from Kerala with the maiden trip to Goa on June 4. According to officials of Princy Tours, the trains are purchased by SRMPR from the Indian Railways to operate exclusively for tourism purposes. "From Kerala, there are three tour packages mainly-- Tvm to Mumbai and Tvm to Goa, four-day package and Tvm to Ayodhya, eight-day package," said Dr Devika Menon, director of Princy World Travel Ltd.

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1	**Loan Account No. X0HEHOR00002467183 and X0HEHOR00003091657.** **(1) Ashwathamma N,** 403,M G Road, Near Yellamma Temple, Sarjapura, Anekal, Karnataka-562125. **(2) Venkatesa C M,** 403, M G Road,Near Yellamma Temple, Sarjapura, Anekal, Karnataka-562125. **(3) M/s. Om Sakthi Enterprises,** 403,M G Road,Near Yellamma Temple, Sarjapura, Anekal, Karnataka-562125.	19.05.2022 & Rs.54,65,379.31/- and Rs.13,98,993.80/- totalling to Rs.68,64,373.11/- as on 16.05.2022.	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :** (Property Covered Under Regd. Sale Deed Document No.5360/2014-15 date 26.03.2015 of SRO Sarjapura) All that piece and parcel of the Property situated at Bangalore Urban District, Anekal Taluk, Sarjapura Hobli, Sarjapura Village, bearing Survey No. 452 measuring 1 Acre 20.08 guntas of land which has been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose by the order No. ALN.SR.30/1990-91 dated: 15.10.1990 passed by the Tahsildar of Anekal Taluk, out of this converted Site No. 21, Khatha No. 1101/21, as per Khatha PID No. 150200102300102912, Certificate No. 985674 measuring an extent of East to West : 40 feet, North to South: 35 feet totally measuring an extent of 1400 Sq. Feet land and bounded as follows: East: Mahamad Alikhan, S/o. Mr. Abdul Rehaman Khan Property, West: Site No. 20, North: Road, South: Site No.8. In the midst above said land with RCC Building.	Rs.1,09,00,000/- Rs.10,90,000/- Rs.1,00,000/-
2	**Loan Account No. HE01KEE00000024111.** **(1) Ramesh Yadav Kalyan Singh Yadav (Applicant)** No.3/1, Biandahalli Road, Chandrasheka Bldg, Machohalli, Machohalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-562130. **(2) Damini R (Co-Applicant),** No.3/1, Biandahalli Road, Chandrasheka Bldg, Machohalli, Machohalli, Bangalore Karnataka-562130. **(3) Sree Supriya Multispeciality Hospital (Co-Applicant),** No.15/1, Prakash Nagar, 7th Main Ayappa Swamy Temple Road, Bangalore-562130.	09.10.2023 & Rs.1,03,14,178/- as on 09.10.2023.	All that piece and parcel of property Bearing Residential Site No.07 And 08 and Residential Site No.11 and No.12 Formed In Property Assessment No.15/5, Machohalli Grama, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Within The Limits Of Machohalli Village Panchayath and Bounded on : East By 30 Feet Road, West By 30 Feet Road, North By Site No.9 And Site No.10 Presently Private Property, South By Site No.6 And Site No.13 Presently Private Property, Measuring East To West 80 Feet And North To South 40 Feet. In All Measuring 3200 Square Feet along with the Building Constructed Thereon. Within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration Office.	Rs.1,43,00,000/- Rs.14,30,000/- Rs.1,00,000/-

E-Auction Date and Time : 10.06.2024 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each), EMD Submission Last Date: 07.06.2024 (Up to 5.30 P.M.); Inspection Date: 04.06.2024 and 05.06.2024 (10.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M)

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Date: 03.05.2024, Place : Bangalore — Sd/- Authorised Officer, Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of **M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit **25%** of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within **15 days** thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/ Rules.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty
1	30258300000298	1) Mr. Parthiban J, Also at: M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Service, 2) Mrs. Vennila P, 3) Mr. Balaraman, Also at: M/s. M R F Ltd.	**Rs.7,20,761.54** (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One and Fifty Four Paisa Only) **due as on 09-04-2023**	**Rs.5,25,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: Schedule-A (Description of Immoveable Property): All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 Acres and 18 Guntas including the Kharab Land in Survey Nos.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and **Bounded on the: East by:** Lands in Survey No.43, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Mayasandra Gadi, **South by:** Lands in Survey No.41. **Schedule-B (Property to be Conveyed):** The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' property mentioned above works out to 195 Square Feet. **Schedule-C (Apartment):** Residential Apartment bearing No.B-106, Khatha No.429, Assessment No.T-S-FF-B-106, First Floor of Tower-5, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bath Room and a balcony in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "JANAADHAR SHUBHA" construction on the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built up area of 400 Sq.ft with vitrified flooring and the proportionate share in the common areas such as passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well and/or room/s, water drainage and/or electrical conduct/s and/or other area/s used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s and is **Bounded on: East by:** Open Space, **West by:** A-105, **North by:** Open Space, **South by:** Corridor. The Super Built Area means and includes the exclusive floor area of each Apartment Unit and the proportionate areas covered by common wall/s, passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well and/or room/s, water drainage and/or electrical conduct/s, parks, and/or other area/s used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s. **Schedule-D (List of Facilities):** Storm water storage, Recharge pits, Rain water collection tank, STP- treated & reused, Overhead tank, Bore well water treated & used, UG sump & Pumps, Solar street lighting & Dual flush system for WC's.			
2	32998950000113 45389670000220 & 32999670000040	1) Mr. Varadachari K, 2) M/s. Sri Balaji Provition Stores, 3) Mrs. Palavi K	**Rs.6,19,985.89** (Rupees Six Lakh Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Five and Paisa Eighty Nine Only) **& Rs.1,09,341.00** (Rupees One Lakh Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Forty One Only) **& Rs.48,785.00** (Rupees Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Only) **as on 12.04.2022**	**Rs.5,25,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property Site No.18, Khata No.329, Assessment No.25, Lakshmipura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 feet, total Measuring 600 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belong to Mr. Hanumarasaiah, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining Potion of site No.18, Belong to Mr. Pavithra, **South by:** Property belong to Doddaramaiah.			

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147), email: syedayaseen.rana@janabank.com, Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com & Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617), email: umesh.m01@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Date: 03.05.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural & Bangalore — Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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> Many have availed benefits from the Land Reforms Act initiated by Congress. Indira Gandhi gave land to poor people. Lakhs people have become owners from tenants. Congress is in favour of poor people and will work for the welfare of poor people
> Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

Delay in Gruha Lakshmi payment keeps BJP leaders guessing

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

BJP leaders in parts of Karnataka where polling will be held on May 7 are apprehensive over delay in the release of the Gruha Lakshmi amount, believing that the government will deposit the money on the day of voting or a little earlier.

Under the guarantee scheme, the Congress government provides Rs 2,000 per month to the woman heads of families. And BJP leaders claim that the government is deliberately delaying the release of the amount to "influence" voters.

Though officials in the social welfare department denied the allegations, the BJP cadre is now planning to bring this to the notice of its state president B Y Vijayendra.

BJP members alleged that during the phase 1 of elections in Karnataka, which was held on April 26, many beneficiaries in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts got the amount on the day of voting. This time too, the government is planning to clear the dues on the day of voting or a few days before it, they said. "The voting day is nearing and we are planning to request our senior leaders to look into this. This will have an impact on the minds of voters and the state government is not allowed to do this," said a BJP worker.

An official from the Ballari administration explained that the Gruha Lakshmi amount is released by the state government in installments. "We start making payments to the beneficiaries by the end of the month. If we start paying from the 28th date, it will take about six days to cover the beneficiaries," said the official.

Ballari district has 3.5 lakh beneficiary accounts. A total of Rs 556 crore is required per year.

An official from the social welfare department said there is a 'technical issue' this month so the payments are yet to be made in Ballari, Koppal and Vijayanagara district. "Once the amount is released, we will make the payments," the official said.

Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the party's election rally in Shivamogga on Thursday

MODI GUARANTEES ARE ONLY LIES: KHARGE

AICC prez says Modi misleading country on Congress' promise to conduct caste census

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Thursday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guarantees are nothing but lies. Only the Congress has implemented its promised guarantees and people are enjoying them in the state.

Addressing a rally in support of Shivamogga Congress candidate Geetha Shivarajkumar at Allamaprabhu Maidan here, Kharge alleged that Modi is misleading the country on Congress' promise to conduct a caste census.

"Shivamogga is known for many intellectuals, and several social movements began here. Shivamogga was among the first few districts where land reforms were introduced. When Indira Gandhi introduced land reforms as Prime Minister, did Congress snatch anybody's land and give it to others? We gave land to the needy as per the Land Reforms Act. Lakhs of people from the district benefited from the Act of the Congress. We helped the poor to become land owners."

"We did not snatch mangalsutras or check people's almirahs for money. But Modi is spreading lies. He doesn't talk about poor people and unemployment. Modi keeps telling lies that land, mangalsutras and other valuables will be snatched. Don't trust what Modi tells. We are in favour of the poor," Kharge said.

Kharge said democracy and the Constitution should be protected. If the Congress comes to power at the Centre, it will curb price rise and solve problems such as unemployment, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah alleged that none of the 25 BJP MPs from the state spoke against the "injustice" done to Karnataka by the Union government. Voters should elect those who work for the progress of Karnataka and raise its problems in the Lok Sabha.

"None of the 25 BJP MPs from the state spoke about the injustice done to Kannadigas by the Centre. The state is being treated unfairly in the distribution of tax money. Although Rs 5,300 crore was announced in the Union budget for Upper Bhadra Project, not even a single paisa was released. Though the state is facing drought, the Centre released less than 20% of the funds sought by the state. That too, after the state moved the Supreme Court," he said.

Joshi keen on fifth straight win, but seer's shadow looms large

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @Hubballi

NO one has ever won from the Dharwad Lok Sabha constituency five times in a row. Now, the question on everyone's mind is will Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal, and Mines, and NDA candidate Pralhad Joshi, buck the record. Though the polls should be a cakewalk for the incumbent MP, the Congress is giving a tough challenge as its fight this time looks organised and it has the indirect backing of Dingaleshwara Swami of Shirahatti Bhavaikya Peetha, who has pulled out of the race.

The composition of the Dharwad constituency (formerly called Dharwad North) changed after delimitation in 2008, but the twin cities of Hubballi and Dharwad continue to remain its core areas. The constituency has so far only sent five people to the Lok Sabha in 17 elections, clearly indicating that the voters have given more than one chance to each contestant.

While three candidates- DK Naikar, Sarojini Mahishi, and Joshi-have been elected four times, the first MP, DP Karmarkar, and Vijay Sankeshwar, have won twice and three times, respectively.

After successfully contesting four times from 1962 to 1977 on a Congress ticket, Mahishi lost in the 1980 'Garibi Hatao' election as she contested on a Janata Party ticket. Mahishi, who was a minister in the Indira Gandhi cabinet, had quit Congress after the Emergency. Contesting the election as a turncoat did not help her and DK Naikar of the Congress taste success.

Thereafter, Naikar also won four times in a row between 1980 and 1991 but failed the fifth time. By the 1996 General Elections, the political climate in the Dharwad segment changed with the emergence of the BJP in the wake of the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, the demolition of the Babri Masjid, and the agitation to hoist the National Flag at the then-controversial Idgah Maidan in Hubballi.

The constituency, which had remained a Congress bastion since the first Lok Sabha polls, elected noted transporter Vijay Sankeshwar of the BJP in 1996. Naikar of the Congress was pushed to third place in that election. Naikar once again unsuccessfully contested in the 1998 polls.

Incumbent MP Joshi first won the Lok Sabha polls in 2004 and emerged victorious in the next three hustings (2009, 2014, and 2019). Now, the BJP has fielded him for the fifth time. Joshi has won all four elections consistently with a decent margin against the Congress candidates, and it was just over 2 lakh votes in the 2019 polls against Vinay Kulkarni of the Congress.

It was smooth sailing for Joshi, a Brahmin, ahead of the 2024 polls until Dongaleshwara Swami, an influential Lingayat pontiff, raised his voice against him and accused him of oppressing his community leaders. He even demanded the BJP top brass replace Joshii with a Lingayat. Lingayats are close to 25% of the total voters in the constituency. The party did not budge to his demand. Though the seer withdrew from the contest, the Lingayat issue could haunt Joshi and spoil the chances of his victory.

Amit Shah to campaign in Hukkeri today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

THE political atmosphere has started heating up in Belagavi ahead the second phase of Loka Sabha elections with BJP top brass arriving to campaign for their candidates. After PM Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will address a rally of party workers in Chikkodi and Belagavi Lok Sabha constituencies in Hukkeri town on Friday.

The Congress has fielded youngsters Priyanka Jarkiholi against sitting MP Annasaheb Jolle in Chikkodi LS seat and Mrinal Hebbalkar against former chief minister Jagadish Shettar in Belagavi LS seat. Though, national leaders of Congress are yet to visit both constituencies, the BJP has already managed to bring two heavyweight campaigners.

Shah, who will participate in a mass convention in Hukkeri town on Friday, is expected to target the Congress over the Neha Hiremath and Jain monk murder cases in Chikkodi, and appeasement politics.

Sex scandal, Neha murder major poll issues for Cong, BJP

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE Hubballi murder case, where Neha, a college girl was stabbed to death on the campus by a man from a minority community, and the Hassan sex scandal in which JDS MP Prajwal Revanna is accused No 2, have rocked Karnataka which is in the midst of Lok Sabha elections.

Now, they have become major issues for Congress and BJP in the 14 LS constituencies of North Karnataka which go to polls on May 7. However, it is to be seen as to what extent they may have a bearing on the prospects of Congress and BJP candidates in the region dominated by the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community.

> it (Hassan MP sex scandal) will not affect BJP's prospects in the 14 LS seats. Here, the murder case is a major issue as the victim hailed from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community
> BJP leader

At a rally in Belagavi on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleged that the Congress government's appeasement politics resulted in murder of Neha in Hubballi. Parents now fear sending their children to schools and colleges, he said.

Congress leaders, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, earlier stated that the murder took place because of personal reasons. This was opposed in strong terms by the girl's parents and also BJP leaders. Protests were held across the state, including Ramanagara in Bengaluru Rural LS constituency in South Karnataka, which is dominated by Vokkaligas.

In an effort to control the damage done, many Congress leaders met Neha's parents and apologised to them as they felt the issue would affect the prospects of the party's candidates in North Karnataka.

But the Grand Old Party is leaving no stone unturned to nail the BJP in Prajwal's case as JDS is its alliance partner in the state. Top Congress leaders, including Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi, went hammer and tongs against Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, questioning their silence on the issue. However, some state BJP leaders admitted that the scandal became an embarrassment to their party. "But it will not affect BJP's prospects in the 14 LS seats. Here, the murder case is a major issue as the victim hailed from the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community," a BJP leader said.

The ruling Congress is using Prajwal's case to garner votes, especially of women. Protests were held even in Hubballi by its women's wing members. "Shouldn't we raise Prajwal's case when BJP is using the Hubballi murder case to its advantage?," Bengaluru rural MP DK Suresh questioned.

He hit back at JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy, who is busy campaigning for BJP, for attacking Congress over Prajwal's case. "The BJP will not stand with the rapists. The Congress government should have taken swift action by not letting the accused flee the country," Shah stated on Wednesday in Hubballi. He met Neha's parents in Hubballi. "The Congress government has failed in ensuring the safety of women in Karnataka," he alleged.

MLC POLLS FOR SIX SEATS ON JUNE 3

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced that the biennial elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council for six seats will be held on June 3. The biennial polls will be held for three graduate and three teacher constituencies, including Karnataka North East Graduate, South West Graduates, Bangalore Graduates, South East Teachers, South West Teachers and South Teachers. The counting of votes will be on June 6. According to the ECI, the poll notification will be issued on May 9, while last date of filing nominations is on May 16. Scrutiny of nominations is on May 17 and the last date for withdrawl of candidatures is on May 20. While polling will be conducted between 8 am and 4 pm, if needed, the repoll process has to be completed by June 12. The term of sitting MLCs will end on June 21. The model code of conduct will come into force with immediate effect in the constituencies concerned.

FACE-OFF

Though AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge is not contesting from his home district, this election is being termed as a contest between the Congress veteran and the BJP. Gulbarga Lok Sabha BJP candidate Dr Umesh Jadhav and Congress candidate Radhakrishna Doddamani spoke to **Senior Special Correspondent Ramkrishna Badseshi**...

'Let Congress leaders come for debate on Centre's contribution'

YOU are being projected by opposition parties as a non-performer, and have done nothing for the people of Gulbarga Lok Sabha constituency in the past five years. What do you say?

Opposition parties, especially the Congress, are under the illusion that if they tell an untruth 100 times, people will believe it. But people are wise enough to judge between truth and falsehood. For example, Congress leaders, including district minister Priyank Kharge, are saying that the Vande Bharat running between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru, which started last month, stopped running within a week. People know it hasn't stopped, but is running six days a week.

What are your major contributions in the past five years?

Because of continued pressure on the Central government, it has announced establishment of a Mega Textile

Park on over 1,000 acres of land near Kalaburagi. The Prime Minister has already launched the project. Once it starts functioning, it will provide direct jobs to 1 lakh people, and indirect jobs to 2 lakh people. Do you think it is a small task? Mallikarjun Kharge was MP for two terms and also Railway minister, he couldn't start a direct train from Kalaburagi to Bengaluru. But Vande Bharat started running between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru.

What you have to say about allegations against the Union government?

It is my open invitation to AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, whom I defeated in the last election, or to my present opponent Radhakrishna Doddamani, to come for an open debate on what my government has done in the past 10 years, what their government had done in the last 50 years and what I have done in the past five years. If they accept my invitation, it will become clear.

Do you think the poll is between Kharge and PM Narendra Modi, or Kharge and Dr Umesh Jadhav, though Mallikarjun Kharge is not contesting?

No. The election is between Dr Umesh Jadhav and Kalaburagi district in-charge minister Priyank Kharge, who has taken the lead in criticizing me, saying lies about me.

How confident are you about winning?

No doubt. People's love towards PM Narendra Modi and their desire to see him again as Prime Minister and my work in the constituency will help me win the election.

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> Dr Umesh Jadhav

> Tell me why people will vote for Dr Umesh Jadhav. What work has he done for the constituency in the last five years? People will judge by the work of the party and MP
> Radhakrishna Doddamani

'Election is between performing party and non-performing Union govt'

This election is being projected as one between Mallikarjun Kharge and PM Modi, or Mallikarjun Kharge and Dr Umesh Jadhav. What is your response?

That is completely wrong. This election is between a performing party and a non-performer Union government and non-performer MP of Gulbarga.

You are new to electoral politics and are contesting for the first time...

Though I am contesting the election for the first time, the political field is not new to me. I have been helping my father-in-law in elections for more than two decades, and I know about election politics.

Did you expect you would become a candidate one day?

No, I had not dreamt of it. As my father-in-law Mallikarjun Kharge would be busy with campaigning throughout the country as he is AICC president, Congress leaders advised me to contest the election. I am contesting with the blessings from my father-in-law and mother in-law (also his sister) and brother-in-law Priyank Kharge.

How is the people's response during campaigning?

The response from voters is very encouraging. People were thankful to the Congress government for implementing the five guarantees and were telling me about them wherever I go. Apart from this, amendment to Article 371J is helping me as my father-in-law and other senior Congress leaders put in all efforts to bring in the amendment. My father-in-law's work in the constituency is also a blessing for me.

Do you have any vision for the development of the constituency, if you get elected?

Yes, I have plans for the development of Gulbarga constituency. I have plans for all sectors. I will place my plans before the public within 2-3 days.

How confident are you about winning?

Victory is mine. Tell me why people will vote for Dr Umesh Jadhav. What work has he done for the constituency in the last five years? People will judge by the work of the party and MP. People know I am a worker and my party works for the common man.

Have you heard of riots taking place during my governments in Uttar Pradesh? Whichever party was in power here, be it the Samajwadi Party, the Congress or the present BJP, riots have taken place

Mayawati, BSP chief and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister

■ In Gujarat, Modi says leaders in neighbouring country cheering for Rahul ■ In MP & C'garh rallies, Cong leader urges people to assess work done in last 10 yrs

In Gujarat, PM says Pak will be happy if Cong returns to power

This is not surprising because we already know that Congress is Pakistan's 'mureed' (disciple)

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

The contrast

Drawing a contrast between the UPA and NDA regimes, Modi labelled the former as 'shaasankaal' (reign) and the latter as 'sevakaal' (service period).

'Promise in writing'

Modi demanded promise by Congress in writing that it will not make changes in the Constitution, abolish reservation for SC/ST/OBC and not introduce reservation on religion lines.

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday dubbed the Congress a "disciple" of Pakistan, and said the neighbouring country was eager to make the "shehzada" of the grand old party the next prime minister of India.

His comments came amid reports that Chaudhry Fawad Hussain, a former minister in Imran Khan's cabinet in Pakistan, shared a video featuring Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on his social media handle and praised him.

"Pakistan is crying because Congress is dying here. Pakistani leaders are praying for Congress. Pakistan is eager to make 'shehzada' (referring to Rahul Gandhi) the next prime minister. This is not surprising because we already know that Congress is Pakistan's 'mureed' (disciple). The partnership between Pakistan and Congress has been exposed. It shows the country's enemies want a weak government in India, not a strong one," Modi said, addressing a poll rally in Gujarat's Anand.

Modi also took a dig at the Congress over opposition leader Salman Khurshid's niece Maria Alam's call for 'vote jehad'. He slammed the UPA 2 government, accusing it of providing "dossiers" to terrorists. He contrasted this with his own administration's approach, saying, "The weak Congress government used to give dossiers to the masters of terror. But, Modi's strong government kills terrorists on their ground."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with former cricketer and Maharaja of Nawanagar Jam Saheb Shatrusalyasinhji, in Gujarat's Jamnagar on Thursday | PTI

Drawing a contrast between the UPA and NDA regimes, Modi labelled the former as 'shaasankaal' (reign) and the latter as 'sevakaal' (service period). He accused Congress of attempting to sow divisions in the country.

Modi said, "These days, the 'shehzaade' of Congress are dancing keeping the Constitution on their heads. But, Congress should answer me why the Constitution, which you are dancing with on your forehead today, was not implemented in all parts of India for 75 years."

He asserted, "Today Modi is realizing Sardar Saheb's dream of uniting the country. Whereas Congress is busy dividing the country, Congress wants to create fights in society. Because of Congress, there were various kinds of tamperings with the Constitution of the country for decades."

"The country has seen the rule of Congress for 60 years. Now the country has also seen 10 years of service of BJP. That was the reign, this is the service period," the PM said.

Modi also addressed rallies at Surendranagar, Junagadh and Jamnagar. He said."Once a country was holding bomb in its hands, now the same country has come on its knees roaming with a bowl begging for funds." He was talking about the economic situation of Pakistan, which has turned bankrupt and is begging to China and International Monetary Fund for financial aid.

'My dad inherited martyrdom, not wealth': Priyanka flays BJP

I was only 19 years old then when I brought home pieces of my father's body home draped in the national tricolour

Priyanka Gandhi, Congress leader

Vote of conscience

At a poll rally in Chhattisgarh's Korba, Priyanka urged the people to vote on conscience, gauging the intentions of BJP leaders rather than words, going by the past experiences

Two types of leaders

Priyanka said there are two types of leaders in BJP. The first was corrupt ones who switched from other parties to come out clean. The second is those who engage in hollow talks

ANURAAG SINGH & EJAZ KAISER @ Bhopal/Raipur

IN a retort to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent "inheritance tax" jibe at former PM Late Rajiv Gandhi, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday said it was not wealth but the "spirit of shahadat (martyrdom)" that her father inherited from his mother.

While addressing the Nyay Sankalp Sabha (her first 2024 LS polls rally in Madhya Pradesh) in support of Nitu Sikarwar in the Morena constituency of the Gwalior-Chambal region, Priyanka said, "The PM accuses my father of being a traitor and having scrapped a law just to inherit mother's wealth. But not PM Modi, only you who send their children to guard the country's borders can understand that my father (Rajiv Gandhi) didn't inherit wealth from his mother (Indira Gandhi). He inherited the spirit of martyrdom."

On an emotional note, Priyanka recounted the 1991 assassination of her ex-PM father.

"I was only 19 years old then when I brought home pieces of my father's body home draped in the national tricolour. I was angry at the country then for not having saved my father, who sacrificed his life for the country. Now I'm 52 and stating this fact publicly for the first time. But slowly, I realised that one only gets angry with someone they love. How can I narrate how much we love our country when Prime Minister Modi terms my father a deshdrohi (traitor) on the public stage," she asked.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during a public meeting ahead of Lok Sabha elections, in Korba of Chhattisgarh on Thursday | PTI

Meanwhile, while addressing another poll rally in Chhattisgarh's Korba, the Congress general secretary urged the people to vote on conscience, gauging the 'neeyat' (intention) of the BJP leaders rather than words by recollecting from past experiences (good or bad).

She asked the people not to get swayed by the statements of PM Narendra Modi and BJP leaders who allegedly divert them (voters) from the real issues or challenges they face.

"What we say, he (PM Modi) repeats and counters the other day. So, as citizens, you need to evaluate the leaders about their plans and scrutinise the intention of politicians who visit, speak, go away and never show up after the polls. Assess if your life has changed in the last ten years. Before casting your vote, differentiate the period you saw under Congress rule and later what the BJP did after coming to power," Priyanka said.

Gandhi reiterated that though PM Modi called himself the most honest leader, neither he nor the BJP leaders could speak the truth about the most significant corruption scheme of electoral bonds.

She said there are two types of leaders in the BJP. The first consists of corrupt ones from other parties, who, after switching sides, become clean. The second category is those who engage in hollow talks, avoiding real issues affecting people's lives.

TWIST IN TALE

Nilesh Kumbhani falls sick before 'major revelation'

It is possible that Kumbhani's initial message reached Congress workers, and fearing strong opposition, he retracted his plan

Surat Congress leader

No show

On Wednesday night, Kumbhani's supporters circulated a message that he would address the media and unveil significant revelations. Shortly after, he called in sick.

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

CONGRESS candidate from Surat Lok Sabha seat Nilesh Kumbhani, whose nomination was cancelled leading to the BJP's unopposed win, has again sparked a controversy.

After the cancellation of Kumbhani's candidacy, he and his three proposers have remained out of public view. The Congress suspended Kumbhani after he lost contact with the party. Amid speculation surrounding his whereabouts, Kumbhani suddenly appeared at his residence in Surat on Wednesday night. Furthermore, a message circulated by his supporters hinted at a media appearance on Thursday with promises of significant revelations, stirring a buzz in political circles. However, he failed to make an appearance.

"On Wednesday night, Nilesh Kumbhani's supporters circulated a message stating that he would address the media and unveil significant revelations. However, shortly after, another message emerged stating that he would no longer appear before the media due to his ill health," a leader of Surat Congress said, wishing not to be named.

"It is possible that Nilesh Kumbhani's initial message reached Congress workers, and fearing strong opposition, he had to retract his decision," the leader said.

Police arrangements have been made outside his residence to ensure the safety of his family in case of any protests.

POLL BEATS

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee with party candidate Mahua Moitra during a public meeting in Nadia district on Thursday | PTI

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Ujjwal Nikam steps down as public prosecutor

BJP candidate Ujjwal Nikam has resigned as a special public prosecutor in all the cases where he was representing the state, an official statement of the Maharashtra government has said. The BJP announced Nikam as a candidate from the Mumbai North Central Lok Sabha seat four days ago. Nikam has resigned from 29 cases, and the resignation has been accepted, said an order of the Law and Judiciary department.

68% voter turnout as Ajmer goes for repolling

Voter turnout of 68.66 per cent was recorded in the repolling held at a booth in Ajmer Lok Sabha constituency from 7 am to 5 pm on Thursday. The Election Commission of India had declared the polling held at this booth in the second phase on April 26 void after the presiding officer misplaced the 17-A register (of voters).

15 expenditure observers appointed in Punjab

The Election Commission on Thursday appointed 15 expenditure observers for Lok Sabha constituencies in Punjab to ensure that parties comply with regulations during the campaign period. "These observers are entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the expenditure incurred by candidates and political parties," CEO Sibin C said.

Don't enrol voters for post-poll schemes, parties told

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (EC) on Thursday issued directions to all political parties to immediately cease enrolling voters for post-election beneficiary-oriented schemes through advertisements, surveys and applications. The EC said such activities by political parties and their candidates amounted to bribery.

In its advisory to all national and state political parties, the EC said it has taken a "serious view" of some political parties and candidates reported to have been engaging in acts "that blur the lines between legitimate surveys and partisan efforts to register individuals for post-election beneficiary-oriented schemes".

The advisory said that inviting individual electors to register for post-election benefits may create the impression of a "one-to-one transactional relationship between the elector and the proposed benefit" and "has the potential to generate a quid pro quo arrangement for voting in a particular way, leading to inducement".

Acknowledging that "generic and general electoral promises are in the realm of permissibility", the EC noted that the activities mentioned in the advisory "obscure the distinction between authentic surveys and biased attempts to enroll people in programmes for political gain."

The commission has also directed all District Election Officers to take appropriate actions against any such advertisements within the statutory provisions, namely Sections 127A and 123(1) of the Representation of People's Act, 1951, and Section 171 (B) of the Indian Penal Code.

QUOTE CORNER

The BJP's claim of '400 paar' is a joke, '300 paar' is impossible and even '200 paar' may be a challenge for the party in Lok Sabha polls

Shashi Tharoor, Congress leader

The Oppn was in power for last six decades, but failed to deliver on all fronts. Their only agenda is to 'oust Modi'

Arjun Munda, Union minister

The BJP is fiddling with Baba Saheb Ambedkar's inheritance in such a way that it is really regrettable

Omar Abdullah, NC leader

INTERNAL RIFT

Cong vs INDIA, and BJP vs BJP in Ladakh's sole Lok Sabha seat

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN the Union Territory of Ladakh, where the parliamentary seat is slated for polling in the 5th phase on May 20, marking a pivotal electoral moment post Article 370's abrogation, both the national stalwarts Congress and BJP find themselves ensnared in significant quandaries. Against the backdrop of the cold desert region, a political showdown looms between Congress and the INDIA alliance, potentially culminating in a paradoxical BJP versus BJP contest.

In the race for Ladakh's singular Lok Sabha seat, both Congress and BJP are grappling with internal dissent. The Congress Leh unit has put forth Tsering Namgyal, aged 51, as their contender for the seat. Accompanied by party luminaries, including former legislator Rigzin, Namgyal formally filed his nomination papers as the endorsed Congress candidate in Leh.

Notably, the Kargil unit of Congress has forged an alliance with the National Conference (NC) and opted to field its own candidate. Nasir Munshi, the District Congress president of Kargil, declared that the Kargil faction, in collaboration with NC, has chosen to nominate NC luminary Haji Mohammad Hanifa Jan for the Ladakh seat, a decision purportedly backed by Kargil's populace. Designating their nominee as an INDIA alliance candidate, both NC and Congress are integral constituents of this coalition. As per the seat-sharing accord between NC and PDP concerning the six LS seats of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, NC is slated to contest all three LS seats in the Valley, while Congress is designated both parliamentary seats in the Jammu region along with the solitary LS seat in Ladakh.

Tsering Namgyal, Haji Mohammed Hanifa, Jamyang Tsering Namgayal, Tashi Gyalson

Presently, only four candidates, inclusive of the official Congress and BJP nominees, along with their substitute candidates, have lodged their nomination papers for the Ladakh LS seat. However, with a single day remaining for the submission of nomination papers, the pivotal question persists: Can Congress persuade its Kargil unit to retract its own candidate aligned with NC and instead throw its weight behind the party's official nominee? Should the Kargil Congress unit opt to endorse Hanifa Jan, he would then vie as an independent candidate, setting the stage for a riveting showdown between Congress and the INDIA alliance contender amidst the frigid desert landscape.

The BJP, too, grapples with a similar conundrum as its incumbent MP, Jamyang Tsering Namgayal, harbours discontent following the party's decision to deny him a mandate. Although he has acquired nomination papers from the election office, he has not yet submitted them. According to sources close to him, Namgayal is currently in discussions with his loyal party supporters, leaders, and close associates to determine whether to run as an independent candidate in the upcoming elections.

The BJP has allocated the ticket to 49-year-old Advocate Tashi Gyalson, a former PDP luminary who joined the saffron ranks after the collapse of the PDP-BJP coalition government in Jammu and Kashmir in June 2018. Gyalson formally lodged his nomination papers from the seat on Wednesday.

EDITORIAL

"We are never going to have gender equality, or narrow the pay gap, until we have equity among couples" — Claudia Goldin

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— Ramnath Goenka

EC NEEDS TO PUBLICLY SHARE DATA TO ENHANCE TRUST IN POLL PROCESS

THE delay by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in putting out the final figures of polling in the first and second phases of the Lok Sabha election has generated a completely avoidable controversy. The ECI decision not to put out constituency-wise registered voter numbers is seen as a deviation from the established practice of making this data available immediately after the end of polling. Concerns have been raised about the non-availability of constituency-wise polling percentages and the total number of registered voters in each constituency. These two figures would have helped political parties to cross-check the percentages in constituencies where polling has concluded.

The ECI's argument that the figures relating to station-wise votes polled are recorded in Form 17 and available with all the candidates has failed to pacify those raising questions over the motive behind withholding the information from the public. Booth-level turnout data is recorded in absolute numbers in Form 17 at the end of voting in the presence of the candidates' polling agents. This booth-level data is consolidated at the constituency level to calculate the polling percentage. Form 17, therefore, ensures transparency and integrity of the polling data. It serves as the primary record, because the figures recorded in it cannot be altered or tampered with. The ECI has a robust system for recording and counting votes. But the delay in publishing the final polling percentage and the absence of data on constituency-wise registered voters and polling percentages has led to some avoidable questions.

The ECI's deviation has raised concerns about transparency and accountability. The commission would do well to stick to established protocols and avoid creating unnecessary doubts in the minds of the people about the integrity of data it puts out. As an autonomous constitutional body, the ECI is duty-bound to make sure that while conducting free and fair elections it maintains transparency in its operations to ensure public trust in the electoral process. The commission should forthwith place the data on registered voters in each constituency and the constituency-wise voting percentage on its website. This would remove doubts over differences between the provisional and final polling figures that have been released. The political parties, meanwhile, need to tone down their criticism of the commission in the interest of maintaining public trust in the electoral process and our democracy.

AWARENESS KEY IN FIGHT AGAINST UNUSUAL HEAT

KERALA is grappling with an unprecedented heat wave these days. It is for the first time in the state's history that the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for Palakkad and yellow alerts for Thrissur and Kollam districts, with daytime temperature consistently soaring above 41°C. There have been three heat-related deaths confirmed so far—again, an unusual occurrence in the state. Though the state has had its tryst with heavy rains and floods, it is for the first time that it is dealing with heat wave conditions of this severity.

Following the alerts, the state government has asked all schools and colleges to stay shut till May 6. It has requested the public to avoid direct exposure to the sun between 11 am and 3 pm. It has also asked educational institutions not to conduct vacation classes for students between those hours. Construction and agricultural workers, street vendors, fishermen, and others involved in outdoor work have been requested to adjust their work hours, too. The police and fire brigades have been asked to avoid daytime drills. District collectors have directed their medical officers to ensure an adequate number of fans in the district and taluk hospital wards housing pregnant women, children and those requiring special care. ASHA workers would be deployed to create awareness about providing assistance to people who need special care.

Naturally, the common man on the street is yet to understand the enormity of the issue he is dealing with. All the three deaths have happened to those working in the sun. This is despite the fact that the state government and district authorities have been issuing regular warnings. It only shows that the heat wave as a dangerous climatic condition is yet to get registered in the minds of people, as many are still looking at the current situation as a normal summer condition. In truth, the state is witnessing an unprecedented climatic crisis that must be handled with utmost seriousness. There needs to be a coordinated effort involving all arms of the government to prepare the common man for adapting to this challenge. That is the only way forward, as extreme climate-related hazards are here to stay.

QUICK TAKE

INCREDIBLE INDIA AGAIN

EXPERTS at a recent tourism expo agreed that foreign tourist arrivals in 2024 are likely to cross the pre-pandemic level of 10.93 million registered in 2019; the number was at 9.23 million in 2023. Kerala, a state with four international airports, made up for a dip in the number of domestic tourists with more foreign arrivals. This is all welcome news, but the overall number is still far too low for a country as attractive as India. Tourism is one of the biggest job creators. And in 2003 alone, it earned the country $28 billion. It's time to revive the Incredible India campaign through our foreign missions.

There is constitutionally guaranteed financial autonomy for states. But by a 2018 amendment to the law on fiscal responsibility, the Centre tried to step into the states' terrain

WHY A STATE IS SUING THE UNION

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RECENTLY, a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court consisting of Justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan referred a suit filed by the state of Kerala against the Union of India to a Constitution bench for an authoritative pronouncement on the issue. It is an unprecedented litigation of great legal and constitutional importance.

The genesis of the case is also curious. The suit challenges an amendment made to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2003. This is a parliamentary legislation. The amendment was made in 2018. As per the amendment, the Union of India gets the power to ensure the aggregate debt of the Union and state governments does not exceed 60 percent of the gross domestic product. That is to say, the Union government must fix the borrowing limit of the states as well, invoking the parliamentary enactment. The government at the Centre also issued letters to Kerala imposing a 'net borrowing ceiling' on the state.

Separation of powers is not merely a political or administrative concept. It is also an economic idea, as designed by the Constitution. Fiscal federalism is a facet of India's democracy. Article 292 of the Constitution talks of borrowing by the Government of India (GoI) while Article 293 talks of borrowing by the states. In Article 293, there is a provision for making loans to any state by the Centre. It bars the state from raising a loan without the consent of the GoI, if any amount of loan the Centre gave the state is still outstanding.

Two things follow from this scheme of the Constitution: One, borrowings by the GoI and states are governed by two distinct provisions. This aspect is further fortified by the fact that public debt by the Union and the states are listed separately under the 7th schedule of the Constitution. Two, the requirement for the Union's consent for borrowing by the state is limited to borrowing from the Centre only when the state has outstanding dues to the Centre.

Thus, there is constitutionally guaranteed financial autonomy for states. Financial discipline and stability are requirements for the Union as well as states. The Union, with this object, promulgated the FRBM Act. Several states also promulgated similar enactments. Kerala in 2003 enacted its Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act. This scenario is perfectly in tune with the constitutional scheme that rejects invasions and interferences.

But the 2018 amendment to the central Act tried for the Centre's intrusion on the states' borrowing power. Thus by way of statutory amendment, the Centre paved the way to regulate the borrowing of states. This has an aggrandising effect. Since fiscal federalism is to be treated as part of the country's Constitution, this amendment is clearly vulnerable to challenge.

The 2018 amendment was done without the concurrence of the concerned states. Evidently, the amendments to the FRBM Act were made by way of Finance Acts based on money bills. A money bill need not be passed by the Rajya Sabha. According to Article 109 of the Constitution, it is enough if the Lok Sabha passes it. The so-called consultative role of the Rajya Sabha, which is supposed to represent the interest of the states, is minimal or ornamental in this regard. Thus, unilateral assertion of the Union that it can control the state's borrowing has antagonised the states, especially those ruled by opposition parties. The Kerala government has argued that the amendment and actions based on it are vitiated by manifest arbitrariness.

There could be several instances where the states act in conflict with the Centre in financial matters. The limits to the borrowing capacity could be very well an area where the public at large may have concerns. Charges of financial profligacy are raised against the Union as well as the states. Therefore, in many of the conflicts, the GoI and some of the states are contesting parties. In such situations, the Centre cannot act as the judge of its own cause. Such disputes must be necessarily decided by an independent agency.

Though the Supreme Court has indicated the role of the Reserve Bank of India as the public debt manager of the states, the role of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in such situations requires to be emphasised. The office of the CAG, as a referee institution, could perhaps give a constitutional resolution for the problems arising out of the Centre-state conflict in the matter of borrowing and their limitations.

The CAG is established by Article 148 of the Constitution. Article 149 talks of its duties and powers. Those are "in relation to the accounts of the Union and of the states, and of any other authority or body" based on a parliamentary law. In the Kerala case, borrowing made by a state-owned authority called Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board, a statutory body established in 1999, engages in many financial dealings required for the developmental projects of the state. The CAG can, if necessary, investigate such dealings as well, based on a parliamentary law.

But instead of invoking the constitutional provisions in the right way, the Union has resorted to an amendment, which on the face of it does violence to fiscal federalism and the separation of powers as envisaged by the Constitution. Its aggressive assertions do not augur well to safeguard the people's interest. Restrictions on borrowing that result in postponement of beneficiary schemes including pensions and assistance to the disadvantaged tell a sad commentary on the whole episode. Extra budgetary borrowing is an integral and indispensable part of financial administration. An unconstitutional intrusion into such transactions can create enormous hurdles in the process of governance. Again, expanding the notion of the Union's consent for states' borrowing from third parties, too, goes against the scheme of the Constitution. As we have seen, Article 293 talks of the requirement for consent only as against the borrowing of the states from the Centre and not from others. It is meant to safeguard the interest of the Union as the creditor.

The decision of the Constitution bench is therefore vital in the realm of financial administration. In the ongoing elections, already there are federalist concerns raised from different corners. There is also a need for a national debate on the issue of fiscal decentralisation. Though the Constitution bench of the top court will decide the issues, it is also important to have a political discourse on the subject. At the end of the day, it is a matter not merely for the Union or the states, but for the people at large to brood over.

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LIFTING THE BURDEN KEEPING INDIAN WOMEN FROM WORK

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WOMEN'S work participation across the world has been low and its recovery from the post-pandemic period has been slow. The International Labour Organization's World Employment and Social Outlook Report for 2023 reflects on this persistent gender gap and pegs women's participation in the labour market at 47.4 percent, as compared to men's at 72.3 percent.

Apart from ILO's highlight of global gender differentials, the World Bank's Gender Data portal reveals substantial regional differences too—particularly in South Asia, North Africa and the Middle East, where participation of women in the labour force is even lower than in other regions. In India, the 2022-23 Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) shows that women's work participation (WPR) is 35.9 percent—much lower than the global average.

Although there has been a small worldwide rebound in gender parity in the labour market participation rate since 2022, with more women entering the market than men, the inequalities continue to persist. According to a report by the World Economic Forum in 2023, the informal economy has significantly contributed to this recovery for women, with four out of every five new jobs created in the informal sector. Temporary and part-time work arrangements often make it easier for women to balance care-giving and paid work, one of the reasons women are drawn to the informal sector. However, within the informal sector, women are generally engaged in low-paid employment with extremely limited access to social security and better employment conditions. The growing trend towards greater reliance on technology and digitalisation also requires special attention, especially in the context of women workers in the informal sector.

The PLFS data on employment from 2017-18 to 2022-23 paints an optimistic picture of women's participation. There has been an increase in WPR for women aged 15 years or more from 22 percent in 2017-18 to 35.9 percent in 2022-23. Urban and rural employment have shown similar trends, with women's participation increasing from 23.7 percent to 40.7 percent in rural areas and 18.2 percent to 23.5 percent in urban areas over the same time period.

Though women's employment has increased in India, the quality of employment has remained a challenge. The rise in WPR is mostly attributed to an increase in self-employment from 51.87 percent in 2017-18 to 65.3 percent in 2022-23. The concern here is, how far does self-employment remain protected and covered under social security provisions? Also, whether self-employment—that is, mostly informal employment—is an informed choice, or they are pushed to it due to constraints. One of the significant challenges for women to continue in employment is their engagement in unpaid and care work.

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> A 2019 study revealed that 93 percent women workers in India do unpaid household work, while only 31 percent men do it. Addressing this unfair burden would require men to step up and women to be trained for entrepreneurship

The first all-India time use survey in 2019 revealed 92.8 percent women workers aged 15 and above devote their work time in unpaid domestic services for household members, while only 31 percent men spend time on the same activity. Women spend on an average 5.6 hours in unpaid work a day, that is, in domestic and care-giving activities. Women's time spent in unpaid work is closely linked to their status in employment, as unequal time burdens compel them to opt for part-time, non-regular and vulnerable kinds of employment.

The survey revealed self-employed women spend more time in unpaid domestic work—4.35 hours—as compared to regular workers who spend 3.3 hours on the same activity. One of the targets of the UN's sustainable development goals emphasised the need to recognise and value unpaid work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies to improve gender equality.

So addressing unpaid work becomes important while envisioning a future work scenario for women. In January this year, the Union ministry of labour and employment released an advisory for employers to promote women's workforce participation. Among other things, it provides guidelines to promote a supportive environment for women workers. It highlighted the need to ensure a balance between employment and care-giving responsibilities for both men and women, including implementing family-friendly measures such as paternity, parental and emergency leaves, and flexible work arrangements.

The government has implemented various programmes, the most promising being the Skill India Mission to contribute towards improving employability. Promotion of self-employment is a priority, with initiatives like Stand Up India that provides loans to women including those from marginalised communities. Around 9 crore women are connected with self-help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission with provisions for collateral-free loans.

Despite these efforts, the rapidly changing world of work and the emergence of new forms of employment require targeted policy intervention for women both in the formal and informal sectors. ILO's Future of Work Report for 2019 rightly highlighted investing in human capacities and promoting sustainable employment for women from emerging sectors, while emphasising their education, skill trainings and technology to unlock new possibilities.

Promoting greater investments in the care economy will contribute to addressing women's unpaid work. Therefore, there is a need to invest in capacity-building initiatives, along with financial and digital literacy, for promoting innovation-led entrepreneurship. That would be a more equitable way to the future.

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Sensitivity, compassion

Ref: *Manipur's lost year shows no sign of ending* (May 2). Violence against security forces has been one of the recurring features of the Manipur conflict, highlighting that force alone cannot quell the situation. It requires sensitivity and compassion in equal measure. The present government would be failing its mandate if it did not recognise this imperative even after a year of strife.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Understanding tradition

Ref: *No Saptapati? No Hindu marriage* (May 2). This is a good move by the Supreme Court. The *saptapati* are regarded as the most important rites in a wedding. Every *phera* taken holds a specific meaning. This move will not only help the people of India but also people of other nations understand our tradition and culture.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Varying practices

This ruling presupposes that priests who administer Hindu marriages should be well versed in the *mantras* of a marriage ceremony. I think it is a tall order. Moreover, it is not easy to execute logistically, as marriage practices vary from place to place in the country. Needless to say, a wedding is purely a union of the minds and *saptapati* cannot guarantee happy marriages.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Boosting economy

Ref: *Record ₹2.10 lakh crore GST collection in April* (May 2). Kudos to the government for effective measures to increase the GST turnover, including ensuring tax compliance by businesses. Never before has any government taken so much effort to strengthen financial resources. This can in turn be used to create more infrastructure and boost the economy.
K V Rajasekhar, Neyveli

No defections

Manifestos of political parties mostly contain welfare measures and freebies. They must also explain from where the funds will be generated for these benefits. With so many guarantees, a contestant must also give a guarantee that he will not defect to another party in the next five years if he wins the election.
Chandrashekhar Seshadri, Secunderabad

Surviving heat

Kerala is getting hotter day by day. So far this year, several deaths have been reported due to the unbearable heat. Therefore it is the responsibility of the government to ensure care for the water reservoirs and fresh water sources to survive the heat in rural and urban areas.
Abid Randathani, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
On one hand, Indian families are burdened with debt. On the other hand, Modi's family is becoming richer with a reported expenditure of ₹60,000 crore.

Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
It's hilarious to see the BJP take credit for the coastal road. The coastal road has been only partially opened, and it's a joke of how delayed it is.

Yashwant Sinha @YashwantSinha
The Prime Minister has lowered the level of communication to such an extent that it could not have been imagined earlier.

33% quota for women in SCBA

3 executive, 2 sr executive members & treasurer of Supreme Court Bar Association to be women

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IN a significant order, the Supreme Court on Thursday directed the implementation of minimum 1/3rd women's reservation in the posts of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA). While talking to this newspaper, SCBA president Adish Aggarwala hailed the top court's order and called it a welcome step. "This order is a landmark order of the Supreme Court. We wholeheartedly support and welcome it. It is a historical one for the women, who practice law and needs to be praised for their work. It's a victory for them," he said.

For this year, three executive members, two senior executive members and the treasurer of the SCBA are to be women, the apex court said in its order.

The Supreme Court reserves the post of SCBA Treasurer for woman for the ensuing elections for 2024-2025 term.

"The SCBA is a premier institution and is an integral part of the highest judicial forum of the country. The norms, eligibility conditions, membership etc, cannot remain static for decades and timely reforms to meet with the challenges that may confront the institution from time to time, are required to be carried out," a bench of Justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan said. The top court also asked the SCBA's executive committee to invite suggestions from all members of the Bar in this regard.

"Some of the posts in the Executive Committee must be reserved for women members of the Bar. We, accordingly, direct that including for the ensuing election there shall be reservation for women members of the Bar to the following effect: minimum of one third seats in the Executive Committee, ie, three out of nine and minimum one third out of the Senior Executive Members i.e., two out of six," the bench said. Comprising practising lawyers and Advocates-on-Record (AORs) of the apex court, the SCBA is responsible for upholding, maintaining and consolidation of the constitutional values of democracy, rule of law and independence of the judiciary.

The top court, in its order, said that though no clarification is required, however, to remove any sort of doubt, it made clear that the reservation is only to guarantee a minimum and women members of the SCBA, subject to their eligibility, shall be entitled to contest the election for all the posts in the Executive Committee.

The court said, after considering the suggestions and modalities for conducting the election of the Executive Committee of the SCBA, which will become due to expiry of the term of the current office-bearers on May 18, 2024. The SC directed that the election of the officer-bearers of the SCBA and the Executive Committee shall be held on May 16. and on basis of the voter list as was finalised in the election for the year 2023.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Centre urges SC to dismiss Bengal's suit

The Centre on Thursday argued before the Supreme court that the probe agency, CBI, was not under the "control" of the Union, as claimed by the West Bengal government, and the state's original suit was not maintainable and was liable to be dismissed.

Bail to hotel manager in 'honey trap' case

The Supreme Court granted anticipatory bail to a hotel manager accused in a "honey trap" case involving a BHEL employee in Bhopal. The bench issued notice to Madhya Police and sought its reply. "In the meanwhile, the petitioner shall not be arrested in connection with the proceedings arising out of FIR registered at Police Station-Govindpura.

Registry junks plea on 2G spectrum verdict

The Supreme Court Registry is learnt to have refused to accept the Centre's plea seeking modification of its 2012 verdict in the 2G spectrum case which had said the State was dutybound to adopt the auction route while transferring or alienating the country's natural resources. Sources said the registry termed the plea as 'misconceived'.

Brahmos docus: DRDO bins reports of security breach

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

DEFENCE Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has refuted the media reports on alleged controversial and unauthorised movement of classified BrahMos documents outside the premises by a former senior scientist that has sent shock waves on the security of the country's sensitive and secret defence apparatus and documents.

A section of media has alleged foul play in Brahmos documents quoting a DRDO Vigilance Department report that had reportedly flagged a security breach by former director general (DG), DRDO, Sudhir Mishra for allegedly moving some confidential company documents out of the premises of BrahMos Aerospace when he had superannuated on November 30, 2021 as CEO and managing director (MD), BrahMos Aerospace.

The Directorate of Public Interface (DPI), DRDO in response to a query from this daily acknowledged that "DRDO received complaint against Dr Sudhir Kumar Mishra, ex CEO & MD of BrahMos Aerospace," and added that, "based upon the complaint

a fact finding inquiry committee was formed by the Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development and Chairman, DRDO. However the committee didn't find any evidence to back the allegation levied," the DPI, DRDO stated in a mail to the newspaper.

This newspaper spoke to Mishra on the matter, who called it a "malicious campaign and propaganda" against him by some "vested interests." According to sources, he had recently applied for a non executive advisory consultancy position (Chair) in the premier defence R&D organisation and was expecting a response.

"I retired more than two years ago from DRDO. If there was any security breach then why was it not flagged and reported earlier?" questioned the former senior scientist.

"As per protocol, I had handed over all the documents including files marked 'classified' and 'confidential' to my successor in the presence of the company secretary, who is aware of the classified documents and procedures. I have worked with DRDO for 38 years and have ensured that not even a single paper goes out. Is it that easy to move out classified documents from the organisation where for every paper there's an inventory?", he questioned.

The top missile scientist said that on the day of his retirement he did carry back his "personal belongings" - the souvenirs given to him during his seven year tenure as DG, DRDO; from 2014 to 2021, the degrees and honours he had obtained and other personal belongings in five to six boxes.

"The allegation that I took away secret documents and files in 40 boxes and returned them almost after a month is mischievous," said Mishra. He said that the DRDO had recently constituted a fact finding committee to verify the allegations and had asked him to respond to their queries.

Kharge says PM should seek votes on his govt's performance in last 10 yrs

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

IN a response to Prime Minister Modi's personalised letter to the BJP-led NDA candidates in the Lok Sabha polls, Congress Chief **Mallikarjun Kharge** urged the Prime Minister on Thursday to seek votes based on the performance of his government over the last ten years instead of indulging in "hate speeches."

In an open letter to the PM, Kharge stated, "The tone and content of the letter indicate that there is a lot of desperation and worry in you, which is leading you to use language that does not suit the office of the Prime Minister."

In the personalised letters, Modi asked the NDA candidates to spread awareness among voters about the Congress's alleged intention to snatch "reservation from SC, ST, and OBC communities and give it away to their vote bank." Modi also accused the Congress and its allies of having divisive and discriminatory motives, even though reservation on the basis of religion is unconstitutional.

Last week, Kharge wrote to the PM seeking time to meet

him to explain the Congress election manifesto.

Referring to the PM's claims that reservation will be taken away from SC, ST, and OBC and given to the Congress' vote bank, Kharge stated, "Our vote bank is every Indian – the poor, the marginalized, the women, the aspirational youth, the labour class, and the Adivasis. Everyone knows it is the RSS and BJP who have opposed reservations at every stage since 1947." "Your leaders have openly spoken about it. You need to clarify why you are opposed to reservation to SCs, STs, and OBCs on the basis of their population as per Article 16 of our Constitution," he wrote.

India concerned over China building infra near Siachen

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

AMID reports of China constructing roads and developing infrastructure near Siachen, specifically in the Shaksgam Valley, India has reiterated that the Shaksgam Valley is an integral part of Indian territory. India has also expressed concern to China regarding the construction activities.

"The Shaksgam Valley is a part of Indian territory. We have never accepted the so-called China Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, through which Pakistan unlawfully attempted to cede the area to China. We have registered our protest with the Chinese side against illegal attempts to alter facts on the ground," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. India has reaffirmed its stance that it reserves the right to take necessary measures to safeguard its interests.

Bilateral relations between India and China were strained since the military skirmish in Galwan in 2020. India has consistently stated that normalisation of bilateral ties cannot occur without the restoration of peace along the LAC.

The Shaksgam tract, including the Shaksgam Valley, is an area of 5,200 sq km north of the Karakoram watershed that has been illegally occupied by China since 1963, previously under Pakistan's control since 1947. India claims the Shaksgam Valley as part of its own territory.

Recent satellite images have revealed that China has constructed a road near the lower part of the Shaksgam Valley, which is only 50 km away from the Siachen glacier, under India's control. Reports indicate that infrastructure development work began last year, with renewed construction activity observed this month.

Meanwhile, China is expected to appoint a new ambassador to India this month after the post remained vacant for almost 18 months. Speculation surrounds whether veteran diplomat Xu Feihong will be appointed to the position. Xu is a member of the Chinese Communist Party's foreign ministry committee and an assistant minister of foreign affairs. He served as China's envoy to Afghanistan from 2011 to 2013 and to Romania from 2015 to 2019, with diplomatic assignments in Finland, South Korea, New Zealand, and the UK.

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DIPLOMACY

US panel report on religious freedom biased, says MEA

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

INDIA has accused the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) of attempting to interfere in its electoral process, branding it as a 'biased' organization.

"The USCIRF is recognized as a biased organization with a political agenda. They persist in disseminating propaganda on India under the guise of an annual report," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson **Randhir Jaiswal**.

The MEA further asserted that USCIRF's endeavours to interfere in the world's largest electoral exercise, India's ongoing Lok Sabha elections, will not succeed. "We hold no expectation that USCIRF will endeavour to understand India's diverse, pluralistic, and democratic ethos," he added.

USCIRF's latest report has criticised India for alleged violations of religious freedom. They allege in their report that the Indian government has failed to address communal violence disproportionately affecting Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, Jews, and Adivasis.

"In 2023, religious freedom conditions in India continued to deteriorate. The government, led by the BJP, reinforced discriminatory nationalist policies and failed to address communal violence disproportionately affecting Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, Jews, and Adivasis," the report stated.

It also highlighted that the continued enforcement of laws such as the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), Citizens Amendment Act, and anti-conversion and cow slaughter laws resulted in the arbitrary detention, monitoring, and targeting of religious minorities and those advocating on their behalf.

Meanwhile, President Biden said that many countries are not doing well economically as they are Xenophobic. "US welcomes immigrants and that's why it does well," Biden said.

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom is an independent, bipartisan U.S. federal government commission created by the 1998 International Religious Freedom Act that monitors the right to freedom of religion or belief abroad.

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Men at higher risk of early Covid death: Lancet

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

MEN are at a higher risk of premature death than women, however, females who live longer lives tend to spend more of their lifetime in poor health, according to a Lancet report.

The study published in Lancet Public Health said that while men face a higher chance of dying early from Covid-19, heart disease, respiratory, liver diseases and road accidents, women tend to experience more non-fatal illnesses such as mental health conditions, low back pain, dementia, headaches and HIV/AIDS.

In 2021, males faced a higher disease burden than females.

Covid-19 disproportionately affected men in all regions. The gap was widest in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. It found that men lost 45 per cent more years of life to Covid-19 compared to women. This disease was the leading cause of health loss in 2021.

Ischaemic heart disease had the second largest absolute difference in health loss between males and females, with the former experiencing 45 per cent more health loss from heart disease compared to the latter. One of the biggest health problems faced by females was low back pain, particularly in regions such as South Asia and parts of Europe and Asia. These differences start in teenage years and persist through life, with women facing higher levels of illness and disability overall due to their longer life expectancy.

Mental health conditions, especially depressive disorders, also take a heavier toll on women, with the widest gaps observed in high-income countries and parts of Latin America and the Caribbean. The notable health differences between females and males point to an urgent need for policies to be based on sex-specific and age-specific data, the report said. It is also important to continue promoting gender-sensitive research, and ultimately, implement interventions that not only reduce the burden of disease but also achieve greater health equity, it added.

"Historically, the focus on women's health has been largely focused on sexual and reproductive concerns, which, although crucial, do not encompass the full spectrum of health issues affecting females throughout the life course," the authors said.

The study was based on Global Burden of Disease Study 2021 to compare disability-adjusted life-year (DALY) rates for females and males for the 20 leading causes of disease burden for individuals older than 10 years at the global level and across seven world regions, between 1990 and 2021 Luisa Sorio Flor, the main author of the study, noted that the Covid-19 pandemic has shown the importance of understanding how sex differences impact health outcomes.

'Need for policies'

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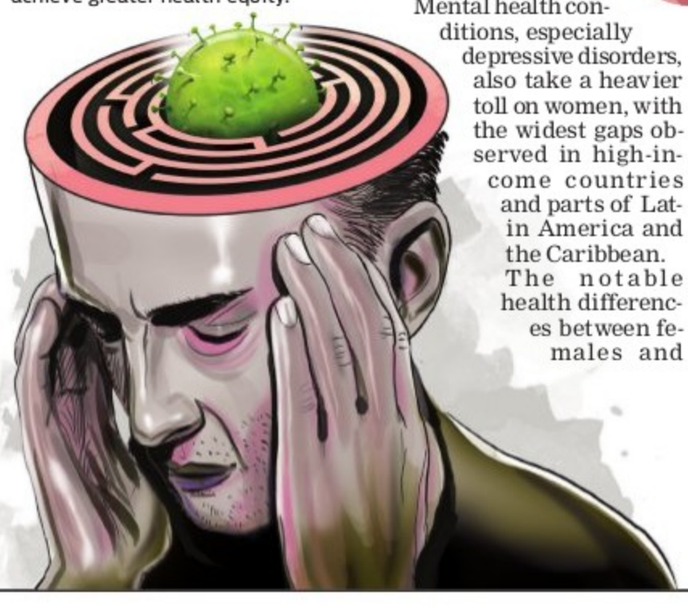

Day after TMC action against him, Ghosh calls himself grassroot worker

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

A day after **Kunal Ghosh** was removed as the general secretary of the Trinamool Congress, he said on Thursday that he would continue to work as a grassroot worker of the party. "No problem, I will love to be on the road, working for the party on the field," Ghosh told a local Bengali channel.

He was seen crying before the party workers. "I cry openly unlike many others who cry only on WhatsApp or other social media platforms to garner sympathy from the TMC chief," he said.

Ghosh later told reporters that internal information of the party does not reach chief minister Mamata Banerjee as she is bogged with many works. "A section of the party leaders does not want the information to be passed on to Banerjee and that's why she is unaware of many internal developments in the party," he said.

Ghosh questioned the role of TMC MP Derek O Brien. "Who is Derek O Brien? He only speaks good English. That's his credential. He is not a politician." Ghosh was stripped off his position after sharing a platform with TMC turncoat and BJP's North Kolkata candidate Tapas Roy on Wednesday, which drew criticism from the TMC leadership.

"Tapas Roy is a true mass leader. His doors are always open for party workers and people. I have known him for several decades. Unfortunately, our paths are now different as Tapas-da is no more in our party despite our best efforts to retain him," Ghosh had said at the platform.

While the TMC had issued a statement informing about its decision to remove Ghosh as state general secretary, the party on Thursday issued a fresh list of 'star campaigners' which retained names of party heavyweights Mamata Banerjee, Abhishek Banerjee and 38 other leaders including new entrants like Ritabrata Banerjee, minister Birbaha Hansda and candidate Saayoni Ghosh, only leaving out Ghosh.

While Ghosh's actions were questioned, some party members, including TMC Rajya Sabha spokesperson Santanu Sen and West Bengal minister Bratya Basu, acknowledged his contributions to the party.

BENGAL GOVERNOR ACCUSED OF HARASSMENT

West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose was accused of sexual harassment by a female employee of Raj Bhavan. The woman, who has been working as a temporary staff of Raj Bhavan since 2019, complained of "feeling uncomfortable" when the Governor met her on Thursday reportedly to discuss her promotion. In the complaint, the woman said she was touched improperly by the Governor a week ago.

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DECODE LS POLLS '24

DECIDE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	28	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	39	23	Panaji	33	26
Jaipur	38	28	Patna	41	25
Amritsar	37	23	Lucknow	39	24
Chennai	37	31	Port Blair	33	27
Kolkata	41	28	Imphal	29	18
Srinagar	23	11	Chandigarh	37	25

Nitish Kumar

Narendra Modi

DEBUTANTS VS WAR HORSES IN BIHAR BATTLE

Tejashwi Yadav

Rahul Gandhi

TOTAL VOTERS: **98,60,397**
MALE: **51,29,473** FEMALE: **47,30,602**

CONSTITUENCIES TO GO TO POLLS: 5
Jhanjharpur ● Madhepura ● Araria ● Supual ● Khagaria

TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES IN THE FRAY 54
● Male: 51 ● Female: 03

● PwD voters: **95,475** ● 85+voters: **85,352**
● Overseas voter: **01** ● Service voters: **10,900**

● Age group of 18-19 years: **1,45,482**
● Age group of 20-29 years: **22,84,689**

KEY ISSUES

MIGRATION

Migration is the biggest issue in all the five constituencies going to polls in the third phase. People complained that they have no job opportunities in the region. They have to migrate to other states like Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, to eke out livelihood

FLOODING

Flood is a perennial problem in the region. Agriculture land remain submerged in floodwater for most of the time. Farmers crops are also damaged due to floods. Party leaders have never bothered to find out a permanent solution even after repeated promises

CRIMINAL CASES

Of a total of 54 candidates in the fray in five Lok Sabha seats going to polls in the third phase in Bihar, 13 candidates face criminal cases and of them, 12 serious charges, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms.

UNEMPLOYMENT

While Opposition INDIA bloc claimed to have given jobs to nearly five lakh people during 17-month rule of Grand Alliance government in Bihar, NDA claimed it vice versa and said that jobs were created during NDA government led by CM Nitish Kumar.

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A keen contest between debutants and old warhorses is on the cards in Bihar as five of its seats go to the polls in the third phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections on May 7.

Though there are 54 contestants in the fray, the fight is mainly between BJP-JD(U)-led National Grand Alliance (NDA) and RJD-Congress-led Grand Alliance, the latter being a part of Opposition 'INDIA' bloc.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, all the five seats—Madhepura, Supaul, Khagaria, Araria and Jhanjharpur—were won by the NDA. The moot question for the ruling alliance both at the centre and in the state is to retain the seats that it had clinched in the previous general elections when candidates had emerged victorious driving on the Modi wave.

The scene is a bit different now. It will not be a cake walk for the sitting MPs to retain their respective seats this time. For example, NDA has fielded the JD(U) sitting MP Dinesh Chandra Yadav from Madhepura. He is pitted against Kumar Chandradeep, an English teacher, who is contesting the polls for the first time.

Similarly, in Supaul seat, JD(U) MP Dilkeshwar Kamait has been pitted against Chandrahas Chaupal, a debutant. While NDA candidate Kamait, a retired Railway officer, is seeking his reelection from the seat, the grand alliance has fielded Chaupal.

Chaupal, an RJD MLA from Singheshwar Assembly constituency, is trying his luck for the first time to reach Parliament. In Khagaria, the NDA has nominated Rajesh Verma as its candidate while the CPM is fielding Sanjay Kumar. Both Verma and Kumar are trying their luck in in Lok Sabha polls for the first time.

In Jhanjharpur also, the NDA has fielded JD(U) sitting MP Ramprit Mandal. He is pitted against Suman Mahaseth, a debutant in the general elections. A former MLC, Mahaseth is a nominee of Mukesh Sahani-led Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) which is a part of opposition Grand Alliance.

In Araria, BJP sitting MP Pradip Singh has been nominated as an NDA candidate while Mohammed Shahnawaz Alam is contesting as Grand Alliance candidate. Shahnawaz, an MLA from Jokihat, is fighting the Lok Sabha polls for the first time.

Shahnawaz had won the 2020 Assembly election on the ticket of Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM but he later switched over to RJD. While JD(U) had won four seats, one had gone to BJP's kitty in 2019 Lok Sabha elections. "Our top leaders are making all-out efforts to ensure victory of candidates on all the five seats in the third phase. We are convincing voters to vote in favour of NDA candidates to strengthen the hands of PM Narendra Modi," a BJP leader of Araria said.

According to the state chief electoral officer's office, JD(U) is contesting on three seats, BJP and LJP (Ram Vilas) on one seat each. On the other hand, the RJD is contesting three seats, CPM and VIP one seat each. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has fielded five candidates. 19 Independent candidates are trying their luck.

PROMINENT CANDIDATES

- PRADIP SINGH (BJP), **ARARIA**
- RAMPRIT MANDAL (JD(U), AND SUMAN MAHASETH (VIP), **JHANJHARPUR**
- DILKESHWAR KAMAIT (JD(U), **SUPAUL**

NDA VS INDIA bloc

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ELECTION2024

Hajipur: Chirag files nomination

Chirag Paswan on Thursday filed his nomination papers from the Hajipur Lok Sabha seat, where he has entered the fray to cement his position as the true heir to late father Ram Vilas Paswan's legacy. Chirag, who headed the Lok Janshakti Party floated by late Paswan till it was split by the latter's younger brother Pashupati Kumar Paras. The BJP, which had initially thrown its weight behind Paras decided to back Chirag Paswan ahead of the Lok Sabha polls this year.

Maoist posters with poll boycott call

Posters, allegedly put up by Maoists, were noticed in parts of the Palamu Lok Sabha constituency in Jharkhand, asking people to boycott the parliamentary elections, police said. The posters were spotted on the wall of an Anganwadi centre in Haidernagar, a senior officer said. Such posters were also spotted in Baraiwa area. The poll boycott call, suspectedly given by banned CPI (Maoists), created panic among a section of people in Haidernagar.

Shah to address poll rally in North Goa

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah will address an election rally in North Goa on Friday, a senior party functionary said. Goa BJP president Sadanand Shet Tanavade told reporters that Shah, a star campaigner of the saffron outfit, is scheduled to address the rally in Mapusa town of North Goa at around 5 pm. Tanavade said over 25,000 people are expected to attend the gathering. On April 27, the Prime Minister had addressed a poll rally in South Goa.

UTTAR PRADESH

Shah slams 'dynastic' SP, Cong for skipping temple opening

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on the opposition bloc, especially the Samajwadi Party, over dynastic politics while addressing poll rallies in Badaun, Bareilly, and Sitapur on Thursday. He slammed Congress and SP leaders for refusing to attend the consecration of Ram Lalla.

In Badaun, Shah criticised the Samajwadi Party for fielding Aditya Yadav, the son of senior SP leader and Akhilesh Yadav's uncle Shivpal Yadav, after much flip-flopping.

He accused Akhilesh Yadav of giving tickets to five family members, including himself, his wife Dimple Yadav, and cousins Akshay Yadav, Aditya Yadav, and Dharmendra Yadav, questioning whether no other Yadav besides the first family of SP was capable of contesting elections.

Shah addressed a public rally in Budaun, emphasizing that the upcoming election is to give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a third mandate and to tackle issues like terrorism, Naxalism, and crime in Uttar Pradesh.

In Bareilly, Shah criticised Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and Akhilesh Yadav for not attending the Ram Temple consecration ceremony in Ayodhya, accusing them of prioritizing their vote banks over national interests.

Continuing his tirade against Congress, Shah stated that the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi would end with a 'Congress Dhoondho Yatra' after June 4. He praised the governance of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, highlighting improvements in law and order and development under his leadership.

Shah assured the people of Sitapur that the BJP would protect the reservation provisions for SC, ST, and OBC communities guaranteed by the Indian Constitution. He criticised Congress for allegedly favouring Muslims over other communities and accused them of divisive politics.

'Family affair in UP'

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MAHARASHTRA

Maha plan as MVA holds joint rallies to check PM campaign

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maha Vikas Aghadi has started holding joint rallies for Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra in a bid to counter the impact of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brisk campaign in the state.

Organising rallies at the same places where the PM addressed meetings, the opposition alliance is raising local issues and "failures" of the Modi government.

The MVA has lined up a mega plan of "Utara Sabha" (dilute rallies) in an attempt to neutralise the Modi impact, alliance leaders said.

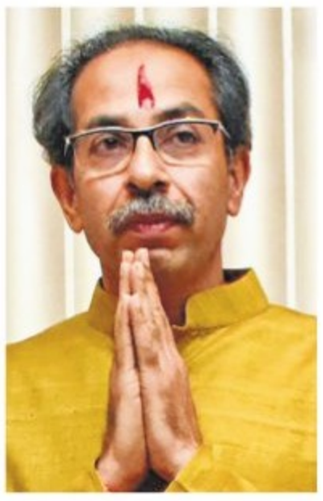
PM Modi had addressed nine rallies in 2019 but this time he has already addressed a dozen meets in the state and the number may go up to 18 till the end of the elections, BJP leaders said.

The MVA has held rallies in Amarawati, Solapur, Pune, and Kolhapur soon after Modi hit the campaign trail in those places. In the MVA joint rallies, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray and NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar are the star campaigners, besides Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat and AAP's Sanjay Singh.

"We are keeping our campaign rallies focused on state issues and injustice done to me and Sharad Pawar with the breaking of their parties," Thackeray said.

He said Modi made tall promises, such as crediting ₹10 lakh to each person's bank account, doubling farmers' income and MSP, but in the last 10 years his government failed to deliver on them.

"If Modi comes again, then it will be the last elections. They will also replace the Constitution because of BJP's hatred towards Maharashtra and BR Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution," Thackeray said. BJP leaders have trashed the INDIA bloc's allegation about a plan to change the Constitution. In the joint rallies, Pawar is focusing on farmers' issues and reminding people of farm loan waiver during his tenure in the UPA government.



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RANCHI

With Dhami in toe, BJP nominee files nomination

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

SANJAY Seth, the BJP candidate for the Ranchi Lok Sabha constituency, on Thursday filed his nomination in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

Accompanied by CM Dhami, leader of opposition in Jharkhand Assembly Amar Kumar Bauri, AJSU chief Sudesh Mahto, JD(U)'s Kheeru Mahto and other BJP leaders, Seth expressed confidence for his victory from Ranchi.

Before filing of the papers, a grand poll meeting was organised in Morabadi ground in Ranchi where thousands of supporters from different assembly constituencies were also present. Expressing hope that the NDA will win all 14 seats in Jharkhand, CM Dhami said the entire nation is eager to see Narendra Modi become Prime Minister for the third time.

"The overwhelming support is evident in Jharkhand and people are enthusiastic. The NDA is poised to claim victory in all 14 seats in Jharkhand. Sanjay Seth's campaign will set new records, securing Ranchi's support to represent them in Parliament," he added.

CM Dhami also underscored the Centre's efforts towards societal uplift, particularly in integrating tribal communities into the mainstream. He expressed confidence in the people of Jharkhand contributing significantly to achieving the "Abki Baar 400 Paar" resolution. Polling for Ranchi is scheduled for May 25, part of the multi-phase elections in Jharkhand.

Cong appeals to Indore electors: Vote for NOTA

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

DEPRIVED of a candidate to contest the May 13 Lok Sabha polls – following the withdrawal of papers by its official nominee and rejection of papers of its "substitute" candidate – the opposition Congress has decided to appeal to people to press the None of the Above (NOTA) option in Indore parliamentary constituency.

"We're not like the BJP that has tarnished and murdered democracy in Indore. We believe in democracy, but won't support any of the remaining candidates in fray or ask people to boycott the election. We appeal to the people of Indore to exercise the NOTA option to teach the BJP a befitting lesson in the May 13 LS polls," state Congress president Jitu Patwari said on Thursday.

"The BJP which once took pride in itself as the party with difference is now a party which only believes in murdering democracy, by preventing opposition party candidates from contesting the polls. Never in the past has anything like this happened here, which is the country's cleanest city with a rich heritage. But the BJP's recent immoral act masterminded by the MP minister Kailash Vijayvargiya has tarnished democracy in the city," Patwari said.

"The fight to save democracy is no longer just Congress's fight, it's the fight of every voter in Indore. We'll take out rallies to awaken the Indore people against BJP murdering democracy. We won't appeal to them to boycott the May 13 election, but will only request them to exercise NOTA to strengthen the fight against murder of democracy," Patwari said.

The former MP minister, who hails from Indore only, further alleged that the BJP guided by Vijayvargiya wanted more candidates to drop out of the fray to ensure unopposed election of sitting MP and party candidate Shankar Lalwani. "Five such candidates were with me at my house to avert pressures in Indore to withdraw from the poll race."

He added that on coming to know about the April 29 development, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi asked him (Patwari) why did eight-times ex-MP from Indore and former LS speaker Sumitra Mahajan, who has always sworn by the politics of purity, remain silent over the development.

On April 29, in a big jolt to the Congress, its official candidate from Indore seat Akshay Kanti Bam accompanied by BJP MLA Ramesh Mendola withdrew his nomination and joined the BJP a few hours later.

'Cong to take out rallies to awaken voters'

State Congress president Jitu Patwari said the fight to save democracy is no longer just Congress's fight, it's the fight of every voter in Indore. "We'll take out rallies to awaken the people of Indore against BJP murdering democracy. We will only request them to exercise NOTA to strengthen the fight against murder of democracy," he said.

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Dhaka	37	28	SNY	Moscow	11	0	SNY
Dubai	30	26	SNY	New York	18	10	SNY
Houston	27	23	LR	Singapore	32	27	LR
Istanbul	19	13	LC	Toronto	16	12	SNY
London	13	8	LR	Washington	19	10	SNY

200 PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTERS IN UCLA ARRESTED

Nationwide arrests in campuses around the US has crossed 2,000 as police personnel dismantle camps of students against Gaza war

LOS ANGELES

AT least 200 people were arrested at UCLA Thursday, bringing the nationwide total of arrests to more than 2,000 at dozens of college campuses since police cleared an encampment at Columbia University in mid-April, according to a tally by *The AP*.

Demonstrations — and arrests — have occurred in almost every corner of the nation. But in the last 24 hours, they've drawn the most attention at the University of California, Los Angeles, where chaotic scenes played out early Thursday as officers in riot gear surged against a crowd of demonstrators.

Police removed barricades and began dismantling demonstrators' fortified encampment at UCLA after hundreds of protesters defied orders to leave, some forming human chains as police fired flash-bangs to break up the crowds.

At least 200 people were arrested at UCLA, said Sgt. Alejandro Rubio of the California Highway Patrol, citing data from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Rubio said the arrestees were being booked at the county jails complex near downtown Los Angeles. UCLA police will determine what if any charges to seek.

Workers entered the former encampment site Thursday morning and began an extensive cleanup. Bulldozers scooped up bags of trash and dismantled tents. Some buildings were covered in graffiti.

The arrests came after officers spent hours threatening arrests over loudspeakers if people did not disperse. A crowd of more than 1,000 had gathered on campus, including inside a barricaded tent encampment. Protesters and police shoved and scuffled as officers encountered resistance. Video showed police pulling off protesters' helmets and goggles as they were detained.

With police helicopters hovering, the sound of flash-bangs — which produce a bright light and a loud noise to disorient and stun — pierced the air. Protesters chanted at the officers, "Where were you last night?" Late Tuesday, counter protesters attack the encampment and the UCLA administration and campus police took hours to respond.

The ensuing police crackdowns echoed actions decades ago against a much larger protest movement protesting the Vietnam War.

Will take until 2040 to reconstruct houses destroyed in Gaza, says UN

AMMAN

IF the war in Gaza stopped today, it would still take until 2040 to rebuild all the homes that have been destroyed in nearly seven months of Israel's bombardment and ground offensives in the territory, according to United Nations estimates released Thursday.

"Every additional day that this war continues is exacting huge and compounding costs to Gazans and all Palestinians," said United Nations Development Programme Administrator Achim Steiner.

At least 3,70,000 housing units in Gaza have been damaged, including 79,000 destroyed completely, according to the new report by the UNDP and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which details how Israel's assault, launched after Hamas' October 7 attack, has devastated the economy of the Palestinian territories, and how the impact will increase the longer the conflict goes on.

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 209

After previous Israel-Hamas conflicts, housing was rebuilt at a rate of 992 units year. Even if Israel allows a five-fold increase of construction material to enter Gaza, it would take until 2040 to rebuild the destroyed houses, without repairing the damaged ones, the report said. In Gaza, the Israeli offensive has virtually shut down the economy, which contracted 81% in the last quarter of 2023. *AP*

Dissent must never lead to disorder: Biden

President Joe Biden on Thursday defended the right to protest but insisted that 'order must prevail' as college campuses across the country face unrest over the war in Gaza. "Dissent is essential for democracy," he said at the White House. "But dissent must never lead to disorder." The president also said the protests have not caused him to reconsider his approach to the war. *AP*

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Sd/- उप निदेशक / Group Director, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी/ CMG,VSSC

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that My Client **Smt. Naveeda Begum**, W/o Mr. Noushad Baig, Residing at No. 82, 3rd cross Telecome Layout Bangalore -560023, has Lost the Original Sale deed Page No.11 dated , 20/04/2010 Vide Registered Document No. 179/2010-11, Book -I, Registered in sub registrar office, Hesaarghatta If any person, has found/got possession of the said instrument may please return the same to my client above mentioned or to the below mentioned office , and in this regard my client has already registered a Complaint with JJR Nagar Police station Bangalore dated 17/04/2024 in Lost Report No. 1018209/2024, AND the public are hear by informed that any transaction with the above mentioned, shall be deemed to be invalid and not binding on my client

SRINIVAS PRASAD, M.S. B.A. LLB. Advocate
No.116, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, Patel Munlyappa Layout, V.N. Halli, R.T.Nagar Post, Hebbala, Bangalore-560032. Mob: 9880203128
E-mail:kvs.srinivasadv@gmail.com

DOCUMENT LOST

I, VENKATA RAMAKRISHNA S/o Narasimha Venkata Subramanyam, residing at No. 37/1, 2nd Floor, F3 Aditya Apartment, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Adyar, Chennai, Tamilnadu do hereby inform to the general public that on 15-03-2024, while I was travelling at Jigani Bus Stand, Anekal, I have lost the document of Sale Deed vide bearing No. 5019/1997-98, Book-1, Page 106-112, dated 02-05-1998, registered at Anekal, regarding Sy.No. 184/3D, measuring to an extent of 3 acres 16 guntas, converted to non Agricultural residential purposes formed a layout vide Plot No. 181 in Phase XXI, VHF Selve Continental City, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet totally 2400 sqt, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 20-04-2024, I had lodged police complaint Jigani Police Station Anekal, Bangalore District, Vide Lost Report No. PO2000240600347. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI. SURESH CHOUDHARY** S/o Sri. Jetharam Choudhary, aged about 36 years, Residing at No.21, 18th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560 002, intending to purchase the Schedule Property from SRI. B.L. MANJUNATHA GUPTA, Aged about 72 years, S/o Sri. B.S. Lakshminarayana Setty, Residing at Samrudhi Nilaya, No.28/1, Puttanna Road, Near Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004 for valuable sale consideration.

If any person/s having any claim, interest, title, ownership or right over the Schedule Property, such person/s may lodge his/her/their objections with the under signed counsel with documentary proof **within 15 days** from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed with the said transaction complying with all legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential House Property bearing Municipal No.21, (CITB No.350 later No.350/21, Layout formed by CITB, presently BDA) having BBMP PID No.60-101-21, situated at 10th 'B' Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, BBMP Ward No.169-Byrasandra, (Old Ward No.60) measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring an extent of 2400 Square Feet, along with building thereon consisting of 900 Square Feet in Ground Floor, RCC Roofed, Red Oxide Flooring, Jungle Wooden Doors and Windows, with all civic amenities and bounded on **East by:** 10th 'B' Main Road, **West by:** Property bearing CITB No.343, **North by:** Property bearing CITB No.351 and **South by:** Property bearing CITB No.349.

Sd/- **M. RAMACHANDRA,** Advocate
No.18/4, Beemanna Garden, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027. Mob: No.9880616902.
Email: mrcadvocate 1436@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner Viz.,B. Krishnappa and others.

If anybody is having any objections, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication. Failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections /disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable land bearing Survey Number 111, measuring an extent of 2 Acres 29 Guntas, situated at Huskur Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on:

East by: Land in Survey Number 110.
West by: Land in Survey Number 114.
North by: Land in Survey Number 112.
South by: Government Property and Gulimangala village Gadi

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CORRIGENDUM

Date : **01.05.2024** published in the same Newspaper **Borrower Name M/s Avishkar Innovative Private Limited & Others,** In that E-auction sale notice EMD amount of item No. (1) is Rs.30.96 Lakhs, (2) Rs. 10.31 Lakhs and item No. (3) Rs. 2.78 Lakhs was wrongly printed, instead the EMD amount for item No. **(1) Rs.309.59 Lakhs, (2) Rs.103.04 Lakhs and item No. (3) Rs.2.78 Lakhs.** There will be no other changes.

Date : 02.05.2024 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, my client - **Sri. Y SRINIVASA RAJU,** S/o. Late. Krishnama Raju, aged about 50 years, residing at No. 25, Bullet Krishnappa Road, Tata Nagar Circle, Tata Nagar, Bangalore 560094, intends to enter into Registered Joint Development Agreement with -Sri. VICKRAM ANAND, S/o Sri. M Anand, aged about 44 years, residing at No.10, 10th Cross, Malleshwaram, Yellappa Garden, Bangalore 560 003, in respect of below shown Schedule Property -

If anybody has got any share, right, title, interest & claim over the Schedule Property either in part or full, may kindly contact the under signed with relevant documents within **5 days** failing which my client will proceed for further transaction.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of immovable residential vacant property bearing Site No. 964, in the layout plan approved by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, in Sy No. 39/3 of Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, named as 'RAJEEV GANDHI NAGAR', N.T.I. Layout, II Phase, Bangalore-560092, measuring East to West: 52 feet and North to South: 78 feet, in all measuring 4056 Sq feet (376.81 Sq. Mtrs), which is bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 896, **West by:** Site No. 963, **North by:** Private Property, **South by :** Road

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Advocates & Legal Consultants
DIWAKAR .N. KAGAWAD,
Advocate & Notary Public
Goverment of India
PRASAD D KAGWAD, Advocate
No. 18, Above Aster Pharmacy, Sanjeevini Nagar, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore-92. Mob: 9343737492,
Date:02-05-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri A. Lawrence,** son late Anthony Swamy aged about 52 years, residing at No.39, Near Church Road, Sonnathammanahalli @ T.C.Palya, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore- 560 036 owned by our client in respect of Gramatana Kaneshumari No.11, Now comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.52, Old Khata No.74, New BBMP Khata No.81, Situated at Sonnathammanahalli @ T.C.Palya, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 33.25X22=728.25 feet and North to South 92 feet, Northern to Southern 26X7= 1820 feet totally measuring 2548.25 Sq.ft and bounded on: **East :** Sri. Anthony Raj Property, **West :** Smt. Chinnamma's property, **North :** Road, **South :** Sri. Jacob property.

My client has lost the original documents on 24.04.2024, Gift deed Doc.No.KRI-1-10270-2019-20, stored in CD.No.KRID928, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Krishnarajapuram on 10.02.2020, executed by Smt. Arogya Thayamma in favour of her son Sri. A. Lawrence.

if any of the general public has found the said documents shall be handed over the same **within 5 days** from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.

M.B. CHANDRA SHEKAR
Advocates and legal consultants
No. 28, Kapanaiah Building, 1st Floor, Opposite to Union Bank, Anjananagar, Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore -560 091. Contact -9900069024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client M.R.Ganganna S/o Late Ramanna, GPA holder of Smt.Bhagya Rekha Rangaswamy, R/o No.105, Madhuban Apartment, 66/1,2,3,4, Hosur Road, Adugodi, Bangalore-30, has represented that originals of two sale deeds i.e., a) Sale deed dated:6.3.2006, registered as Document No.ANK-1-20552-2005-06, stored in C.D.No.ANKD107 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Anekal, in respect of Site No.1C in J Block of Sivapriya Nagar, in Sy.No.210 of Neralur village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk measuring East to west 40 feet and North to South 60 feet and b) Sale deed dated:6.3.2006, registered as Document No.ANK-1-20560-2005-06, stored in C.D.No.ANKD107 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Anekal, in respect of Site No.1D in J Block of Sivapriya Nagar, in Sy.No.210 of Neralur village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk measuring East to west 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, have been lost, while cleaning and white washing the residence. In this regard, he has sworn to an affidavit dated: 20.4.2024 before Notary Public-B.M.Chandrashekar, BDA Complex, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034 and also lodged a complaint dated: 1.5.2024 before Bangalore city police vide lost report No.1034345/2024. If any one finds the documents, the same may be returned to the undersigned.

H.R.MANJUNATHA, Advocate,
No.43/13, I Floor, 13th Main Road, Srinagar, Bangalore-560 050.
Mob: 9980740085

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is desirous of purchasing the residential property bearing No.15, situated at D Costa Square, 3rd Cross, Cook Town, (St. Mary's Town), previously in Lingarajapuram Village, Bangalore – 560 084, Bangalore MahanagarPalike, Ward No. 86, Bangalore, Measuring East 68'-0", (Sixty Eight Feet), West 61'-0(Sixty One Feet), North 50' -0(Fifty Feet), South 50'-0(Fifty Feet), totally measuring in all 3225 square feet (**described as "Schedule Property"**) from the respective owners. If any person has any right, claim or interest in the said property or any objection whatsoever to the said transaction, he/she may communicate the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this notice with documentary proof in support thereof, failing which, my client shall assume that there are no such rights, claims, interest (s) or objections and shall proceed to finalise the transaction as advised.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.15, situated at D Costa Square, 3rd Cross, Cook Town, (St. Mary's Town), previously in Lingarajapuram Village, Bangalore-560084, Bangalore MahanagarPalike, Ward No. 86, Bangalore, Measuring East 68'-0", (Sixty Eight Feet), West 61'-0(Sixty One Feet), North 50' -0(Fifty Feet), South 50'-0(Fifty Feet), totally measuring in all 3225 square feet, and bounded on the: **East by :** Passage Leading to Pump House; **West by :** Property No.14; **North by :** Existing House; **South by :** 30-0 feet Road.

Mr Guru Prasanna, Advocate
D-03, 3rd Floor, SOLUS, JAIN HEIGHTS, J.C.Road, 1st cross, Bangalore- 560027

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice here by given that my client Mr. Darshan Nagaraj intend to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from it owner Smt. Shilpa Balakrishna D/o Late. D.Krishnamurthy. Any individual person / bank / society or any other body having any claim on the said property by way of Agreement, ownership, tenancy, license, sale, mortgage, exchange, charge, lease, lien, right, title or interest by way of inheritance maintenance, possession, gift trust, govt, duties, levies, encumbrances easement or otherwise over the schedule property are requested to inform with the office undersigned of claims / objections against the schedule property and shares should lodge their claims/objections in writing to the undersigned with the office along with documentary evidence in support of the said claims / objections within 10 days (ten days) from the date of publication of this notice., failing which my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property on the basis that there are no objections / claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Katha No.488/2336, No.2336, 8th(A) Cross, Chandra Nagar, Kumaraswamy layout 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560078 within the administrative jurisdiction of Bhanshankari Notified Area committee described in the Schedule above measuring 1000 Sq.ft, and bounded on the:

East by : Road, **West by :** Site No.2341, **North by :** Site No.2335, **South by :** Site No. 2337.

REENA .R, Advocate
REENA LAW ASSOCIATES
Advocate & Solicitors
High Court of Karnataka
42/A, First Floor, 24th 'A' Cross, Karesandra, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-70.
Mobile : 63619 97472, 94834 65272

In, The Court of Civil Judge-1st, Senior Division-Madhepura (Bihar)
Partition Suit No-88/2023

Most. Ujala Sinha W/o-Late. Rajeev Ranjan Sinha, and others Resident of Panchmukhi Chowk Madhepura Nagar Parishad Madhepura Ward No- 14, P.O. and P.S-Madhepura, District-Madhepura, Pin Code No-852113 (Bihar)

Plaintiffs

Summon-Versus

(1) Prakash Ranjan Son of Late. Ajeet Ranjan Sinha, Resident of 144 Guru Krupa, 12th Mian Anjana Pura B.D.A. 10th Block, Lalbahadur shastri Nagar Kembhathali Bangalore, Karnataka-560108 Near K.R.B. Petrol Bunk Bangaluru Kanntaka-560108.

Though the plaintiffs filed above referred partition suit against you in this Court and through this Gazette Publication you are informed that through service Peon of Nazarat and through Registered post summons were sent to you but inspite of summons you not appeared in this Court.

You are informed by this summons through Gazette publication that you on 09.05.2024 at 10.30 A.M appear in the Court by self or through Lawyer and filed any objection if you so desire otherwise order of exparte hearing will be passed against you. Please take it as urgent

This Gazette is being issue by signature and seal of the Court on day 23.03.2024.

Sd/-
Civil Judge-1
Senior Division Madhepura

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co- borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	10012823096, 32760582 & 21292021	Home Loan	1. T B Chandrashekar 2. Hanumanthapura Basavarajappa Anitha	25.04.2024	INR 1,97,80,291.42/-	All That Piece Or Parcel Of The Immovable Property Being Vacant Site Bearing No. 64, Municipal Khata No. 64, Situated At Mahalakshmi Layout Further Extension, Bangalore, Presently Which Is Coming Under The Limits Of Ward No. 10, Mahalakshmipura Division Of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560086, Pid No.10-69-64, Which Is Measuring East To West:- (8.8 + 9.10)/2 Meters And North To South:- (12.00 + 12.50)/2 Meters And Is Bounded On:- **East : Road, West : Site No. 63, North : Site No. 24 And South: Road**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited) .** Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 03.05.2024
Place : Bangalore, Karnataka

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Mrs.SWATHI GUMMADAPU** W/o Mr.Prasad Gummadapu, residing at Flat No. F-401, Sri Ram Hevens, 5th Floor, Road No.8, Chanda Nagar, Madavapuri Hills, Tirumalagiri, Hyderabad-500050. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned **within 14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing **No.201,** having BBMP new Municipal Khatha **No.2407/42/2-403 F 201,** on the Second Floor of 'F-Block' in the project 'MANTRI MANYATA LITHOS', having Saleable Area/Super Built up area (SBUA) of **1760 Square feet (164 Sq.Mtrs),** with **One Covered Car Parking Space,** with proportionate undivided share in land and constructed on converted land bearing Sy.Nos.42/2, 43/3, 43/1, 43/2, situated at Rachenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, within the limits of BBMP Ward No.6, Bangalore.

Sd/- AJAY KUMAR.N
For Isha Law Chambers LLP,
Advocates and Solicitors,
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner, **Smt.B.C.RAMYA W/o Sri.B.K.Vishwanath,** residing at: No.30, Poonam Kailash Apartment, 1st Floor, 2nd Stage, 5th Main, Basaveshwaranagar, KHB Colony, Bangalore-560079.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.407 (CITB/BDA Site No.407) PID No.16-1-407, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft, with a building thereon comprised of stilt, ground plus two upper floors, situated at West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, (Basaveshwara Nagar), Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No.422
North by : Site No.408
South by : Site No.406

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

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Bank of Baroda

Premises Dept, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, 41/2, 2nd Floor, M.G Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru-560001. Ph No. 25011402

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bank of Baroda invites tender for Renovation of Bank owned Residential flat (10 in no's) at Vijaya Enclave, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilakehalli, Bengaluru. Bids to be submitted at "The Zonal Head, Bank of Baroda, 2nd Floor, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, Trinity Circle, M G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001 on or before **15.05.2024** by **15:00 hrs.** For details Please login on tender section of our website **(https://www.bankofbaroda.in)**

Date:02-05-2024 **Sd/-**
Place: Bengaluru **Deputy General Manager, Zonal Office**

BOI

Bank of India

Jayanagar Branch, No. 623, 10th A Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar Bangalore - 560 011, Ph : 080-22959483/84/86,
Email : Jayangar.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX-IV [See rule-8(1)] **(For immovable property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **09-09-2023** calling upon the borrower **Mr.Mudasser Ahmed** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 59,22,538.50** (in words Rupees Fifty Nine lakhs twenty two thousand five hundred and thirty eight and fifty paisa) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **29th day of April of the year 2024;**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India for an amount **Rs. 59,22,538.50** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the **Flat bearing No. BF-105,** in the apartment known **"GARDEN RESIDENCY"** as totally measuring a super built-up area of **1089 sq. ft** together with corresponding **400 sq.ft.**undivided share situated in the **Ground Floor** in **'B' tower, F-block in the** property residentially converted land measuring 2 acres 8 guntas in Sy. No. 108/3 (previously portion of Sy. No. 108/2 , Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District), Bearing RDPR No. 150200103200820885 Property no.522/108/3, situated at Kachnayakanahalli village, Hennagara village panchayath, Anekal block, Bangalore district, (land converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 11.11.1992 vide no. B/DIS/ALN/AR/(A)/103/1988-89, issued by special deputy commissioner, Bangalore district, Bangalore), together with a total of 200 residential apartment known as "GARDEN RESIDENCY",unit/s in "A, B, C, D, E & F" blocks together with car parking slots Within the registration Sub-district Basavanagudi (Banashankari) and District Bangalore.

Apartment Bounded; On the North by : Common Corridor, On the South by: Area open to sky of the apartment Building, On the East by: Lift area, On the West by: Residential Apartment privately numbered as BF-106 in Ground Floor of 'F' Block

An property Bounded ; On the North By: Road, Carved out of Kharab Land, On the South By: Tank Bed, On the East By: Land in Sy No 108/2, On the West By: Road, Craved out of Kharab Land.

Place : Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date : 29.04.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Bank of India

FORMAT C-1

(For candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases:

As per the judgement dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Drs. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **RADHAKRISHNA DODDAMANI, 5/98, Main Road, Gundagurthi Village, Chittapur Taluk, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) District - 585317**

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election: **GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOK SABHA – 2024**

*Name of Constituency : **05 – GULBARGA (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY**

I RADHAKRISHNA DODDAMANI (Name of Candidate), a candidate for the above – mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl. No.	Name of the Court	Case No. and dated	Status of case (s)	Section(s) of acts concerned and brief description of offences(s)
1.	Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore	CC No. 9564/2019	is pending for next hearing on 31/05/2024	U/s.420, 468, 471, r/w 34 of IPC Allegation of cheating, forgery for purpose of cheating, using as genuine, a forged (Documents). Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention.

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl. No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offences(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum punishment imposed
	Not Applicable	**Not Applicable**	**Not Applicable**

*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

Sd/- RADHAKRISHNA DODDAMANI

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
128.33 ▲	Sensex	74,611.11	₹760 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹72,420	₹500 ▲	1 kg	₹83,500	▲ Dollar		83.46
43.35 ▲	Nifty	22,648.20	₹700 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹66,400	₹5 ▲	10 gm	₹835	▼ Euro		89.25

Not only Inflation, many factors behind rise in GST

Impact of inflation in revenue collection was subdued in 2023-24

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AS the monthly GST collections surged past ₹2 lakh crore in April, the debate is over the reason for buoyancy seen in GST collections in the last few years with many attributing it more to the inflation than increased economic activities.

An analysis by the this paper , and its interaction with economists show inflation alone can't be attributed for growth of GST over the years. Growth in GST is mainly due to improved compliance, plugging of loopholes used for evading taxes and improved economic activities. Inflation helps in better tax collection, but in 2023-24, the impact of it was subdued. The analysis shows gross GST collections rose by 11.65% in FY24, but after adjusting for inflation (arrived through GDP deflator) the growth comes down to 10.28%. In FY23, the impact of inflation is more prominent on GST growth as inflation adjusted growth in GST was 15.12% against 21.9% without inflation.

GST collections growth can be gauged by the fact that average monthly revenues in 2017-18 (the year it was implemented) was ₹82,294 crore, more than doubled to ₹168,187 crore in 2023-24. Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings, says if nominal GDP growth goes up and tax buoyancy is maintained, revenue would get a boost. He says this is true for all taxes. Nominal GDP is calculated at current prices, thereby, it includes the impact of price rise. Debopam Chaudhury, economist at Piramal Enterprises, admits that inflation has played a role in better GST collection but it is not the only reason. "If we were to convert nominal GST inflows into real values using GDP deflator, annualised real GST growth in the last four years turns out to be 8.4% as against 14% without this adjustment," says Debopam Chaudhary.

INFLATION IMPACT ON GST COLLECTION

Year	Growth in GST collection (%)	Nominal GDP growth rate (%)	Inflation based on GDP Deflator (%)	GST Growth after adjusting inflation (%)
2018-19	19.22	10.46	4.09	15.13
2019-20	3.80	6.29	2.38	1.43
2020-21	-6.98	-1.36	4.61	-11.59
2021-22	30.48	19.17	8.58	21.90
2022-23	21.87	14.21	6.75	15.12
2023-24	11.65	9.05*	1.37	10.28

*FY24 nominal GDP number as per first advance estimates. Source: Ministry of finance, Mospi

However, he is quick to point out that improved compliance and heightened efforts to plug leakages are bearing fruits. The proportion of taxpayers, who filed GST on time out of all filers, rose from 60% in April 2019 to 95% in January 2024.

The number of registered taxpayers has grown from 1.23 crore in October 2019 to 1.45 crore as on March 31, 2024. Sunil Sinha of India Ratings says due to several flip flops (on tax rates) in the initial years and leakages due to fraudulent claims of input tax credit, the GST system could not realise its real potential.

Byju's links salary to weekly revenue

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AMID cash crunch edtech firm Byju's has now linked sales team salaries to the revenues they generate every week. This new policy comes at a time when the cash-strapped company is struggling to pay salaries to its employees.

As per sources, the company has internally announced the implementation of a new incentive structure for its sales workforce across all levels and this will encourage the sales team to bring in new enrolments as May and June are peak business periods for the company and also inbound lead volumes are highest during this period.

The new model is being launched as a pilot programme and comprehensive training has been provided to sales teams to ensure a smooth transition, sources said. This new incentive structure is applicable to the company's Inside Sales & Byju's Exam Prep teams.

Under this performance-based model, sales employees at the associate level will earn 50% of their achieved sales revenues on a weekly basis. Also, the performance incentive scheme applies uniformly across all levels, from entry-level sales associates to vice presidents. For instance, if an associate successfully collects ₹50,000 in revenue generated from orders between April 24 and 30, they will receive ₹25,000 on May 1.

Sources added that this initiative aims to create a win-win scenario amidst the company's current cash flow challenges. By directly linking pay to performance, high-performing employees have opportunity to increase their earnings beyond their annual CTC.

In an internal document, seen by TNIE, the company said the policy will be applicable for a period of four weeks from April 24 to May 21 and the amount disburse will be adjusted against any pending salaries owed to the employees. Also, base salary has been suspended for associates and they will not receive any payout or salaries during this period.

Incentivises high performers

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FSSAI to check quality of food items

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FOOD regulator FSSAI plans to launch surveillance on other food items like fortified rice, dairy products and spices sold in the domestic market. The development comes after it started a probe into alleged violation of norms in branded spices and also row over added sugar in Nestle's Cerelac baby cereals.

As per a PTI report citing sources, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is planning surveillance on food items such as fruit and vegetables, salmonella in fish products; spice and culinary herbs; fortified rice; and milk and milk products.

It is already taking samples of spices in powder form of all brands, including MDH and Everest, from across the country in view of quality concerns flagged by Singapore and Hong Kong. FSSAI does not regulate the quality of exported spices. Hong Kong's Center for Food Safety (CFS) had last month asked consumers not to buy and traders not to sell MDH's Madras Curry Powder (spice blend for Madras curry), Everest Fish Curry Masala, MDH Sambhar Masala Mixed Masala Powder, and MDH Curry Powder Mixed Masala Powder.

The CFS had said samples of several kinds of pre-packaged spice-mix products of two Indian brands were found to contain a pesticide ethylene oxide.

Singapore Food Agency also directed a recall of such spices. After Hong Kong's directive, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) ordered a recall of imported 'Everest Fish Curry Masala' from India. Last week, FSSAI said it was in the process of collecting pan-India samples of Nestle's Cerelac baby cereals, amid a global report claiming the company was adding higher sugar content to the product. As per sources, FSSAI carries out pan-India surveillance on various food products to assess the compliance status of implemented regulations.

Federal Bank profit remains flat at ₹906 cr on wage hike

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SIXTH-largest private sector lender Federal Bank on Thursday reported a flat net income at ₹906.3 crore in the March quarter as against ₹903 crore in the year-ago period despite reporting better asset quality and robust interest income on the back of higher loan sales.

The Kochi-based bank said the reporting quarter saw its net interest growing 15% to ₹2,195.11 crore, which is the highest ever it had booked so far. The bottom line was impacted by the outgo on account of the wage hike effected last November under which it had to make an additional ₹162 crore provision towards pension arrears.

But the bank, whose total business crossed the ₹4.6 lakh crore mark, said its gross NPAs printed in at 2.13% or ₹4,528.87 crore and and net NPAs came in at 0.60% or ₹1,255.33 crore.

While deposits increased 18.35% to ₹2,52,534 crore, net advances increased 20.04% and the outgoing chief executive Shyam Srinivasan expects the credit growth to come in around 18 percent this fiscal.

Total business grew over 19% to ₹4.62 lakh crore of which advances stood at ₹2,09,403 crore, clipping at 20.04% Of the total advances, retail grew 20.07% to ₹67,435.34 crore, business banking book grew 21.13% to ₹17,072.58 crore, commercial banking grew 26.63% to ₹21,486.65 crore, corporate advances grew 11.97% to reach ₹73,596.09 crore.

AUTOMOBILE

Two-wheeler sees strong double-digit growth in Apr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ON the back of low base of last year and strong buying during the nine-day Navratra festival, the country's two-wheeler market reported strong sales growth in April 2024. The industry also registered a recovery on the export front despite the Red Sea crisis.

A senior two-wheeler industry executive said the sector continues to see recovery as the rural economy is showing signs of growth after a noticeable period. "Last month, 2W sales were also boosted by wedding season across India. Going forward, all eyes are on the monsoon season. The initial forecast of a normal monsoon is very supportive for the industry," the executive said requesting not to be named.

The growth in two-wheeler sales bucked the wider auto industry trend as car sales stagnated in April. Top OEMs such as Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors reported 1-2% growth in April sales.

"Apr'24 domestic 2W retails (1.64 million units) were up 33% YoY/7% MoM with the onset of the wedding/harvesting season propelling demand. Following Mar'24's record e-2W sales (140k units), retails plummeted 54% MoM to 65k units as subsidies shrunk. The extended subsidy scheme for e2Ws will be in play until Jul'24; post that, discounts will rest on the shoulders of vehicle PLI," said analysts at ICICI securities.

Hero MotoCorp sold 5.33 lakh units of motorcycles and scooters in April 2024, translating into a robust 34.7% growth over the corresponding month (April 2023). Hero said that the volume growth in April highlights the company's sales trend, especially in the 125cc and 400+cc segments.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India's (HMSI) total sales were slightly higher than Hero MotoCorp. During the month, the Japanese company dispatched 5,41,946 units of two-wheelers, registering a strong 45% YoY growth.

Aadhar Housing IPO price brand at ₹300-315

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

AADHAR Housing Finance on Thursday fixed the price band for its ₹3,000 crore initial public offer (share) at ₹300-315 per share, valuing the global private equity major Blackstone-owned affordable housing loan player at around ₹13,400 crore.

The issue consists of ₹1,000 crore in fresh issue and ₹2,000 crore or 20,000 million shares in offer for sale by the promoter group (BCP Topco VII), and opens on May 8, and closes on May 10, the company told reporters.

Blackstone bought out Aadhar, originally promoted by the now bankrupt housing loan major HDFL, which went bankrupt and was since then picked by the Piramal group through an NCLT resolution) bought the a controlling 97.7% stake in June 2019 for about ₹2,200 crore and since then infused ₹1,300 crore. Pre-sale, it was fully owned by Wadhawan Global Capital and Dewan Housing Finance.

Aadhar, which has business interests across 20 states and Union territories, proposes to utilize the proceeds from the fresh issue to meet future capital requirements towards onward lending and for general corporate purposes. The equity infusion will increase its capital adequacy by nearly 10%, Rishi Anand, the managing director and chief executive said here.

Amit Dixit, the head of private equity for Blackstone Asia, said, the listing is a significant milestone for Aadhar as this comes after scaling its network, bringing in the best global practice. Though present in all states barring northeast and J&K, the company nets about all its business from Maharashtra, UP, Andhra, Telangana, Rajasthan and Gujarat, to the tune of 13-14% each Anand told The New Indian Express here and that expansion this fiscal will also be in these states. In the first nine months of the last fiscal, the company's AUM grew 21%, while disbursement clipped at a higher 24% and profit jumped 35%, Rajesh Vishwanathan, the chief financial officer told this news paper.

SK Finance gets Sebi nod for ₹2,200 crore IPO

MUMBAI: Vehicle financier SK Finance on Thursday said it has received the Sebi approval for its ₹2,200-crore initial public offer. The Jaipur-headquartered non-deposit taking non-banking finance company was established in 1994 and is also into funding small businesses. According to the draft red herring prospectus filed with the markets regulator Sebi, through the initial public offering it plans to raise up to ₹2,200 crore. The issue comprises fresh issue of equity worth ₹500 crore and an offer for sale by the promoters for up to `1,700 crore. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

RBI lifts restrictions on Bajaj Fin, firm to resume online lending

NEW DELHI: The Reserve Bank of India has lifted restrictions on Bajaj Finance on sanctioning and disbursal of loans via eCOM and Insta EMI Card, it said in a regulatory on Thursday. In November last year, RBI had directed it to stop sanction and disbursal of loans under its two lending products -- eCOM and Insta EMI Card -- due to non-adherence to digital lending guidelines. *ENS*

CPCL achieves strongest operational performance ever

NEW DELHI: Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) achieved its strongest operational performance ever, refining a record-breaking 11.64 million tonne (MMT) of crude oil in FY24. This surpasses the previous high of 11.32 MMT set in FY23 and represents 111% of the refinery's installed capacity. The company credits this success to its efficient operations and enhanced reliability. *ENS*

Freshworks CEO Girish Mathrubootham steps down

BENGALURU: SaaS major Freshworks founder Girish Mathrubootham has stepped down as the company's CEO. Dennis Woodside will become new CEO. . Mathrubootham assumes executive chairman role. In an email to employees, he said, "Over 14 years, Freshworks grows from a fledgling start-up in Chennai into the global SaaS company that we are today." *ENS*

Q4 FY24 RESULTS

Coal India net profit rises 26% on higher supplies

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

COAL India (CIL) on Thursday reported a 26.2% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹8,682.20 crore for the March quarter on the back higher supplies of the dry fuel.

The company's consolidated net profit stood at ₹6,875.07 crore in the year-ago period, Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a regulatory filing. Its consolidated income in the January-March period declined to ₹39,654.50 crore from ₹40,371.51 crore a year ago. In a statement, the maharatna firm said it posted 25.8% growth in profit after tax (PAT) on a consolidated basis to ₹8,640 crore in the fourth quarter of FY24.

The PAT was ₹6,869 crore during the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal year. The company's PAT for the entire 2023-24 touched Rs 37,369 crore, logging a 17.8% YoY growth. CIL's PAT during FY23 was Rs 31,723 crore. The company's board recommended a final dividend of Rs 5 per share for the financial year ended March 2024, subject to the nod from shareholders at the ensuing company's annual general meeting.

This was in addition to the interim dividend of Rs 20.50 per share CIL had already paid earlier in the fiscal.

Adani Enterprises March quarter net profit declines by 38% to ₹451 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Enterprises Ltd (AEL) - on Thursday reported a sharp dip of 38% in its consolidated net profit at ₹451 crore for the quarter ended March 2024 (Q4FY24) as against ₹722.48 crore profit reported in the same quarter of last fiscal (Q3FY23). Sequentially, profit fell 76% against ₹1,888.45 crore reported in Q3FY24.

The consolidated revenue from operations for the Adani Group flagship firm was marginally up by 0.81% to ₹29,180 crore in Q3FY24 from ₹28,944 crore in the year-ago period. AEL's gross debt rose from ₹38,320 crore as of March 2023 to ₹50,124 crore at the end of March 2024. Higher operating costs and provision for exceptional times seem to have weighed down on the bottom line. While AEL's operating costs rose 31% YoY in Q4FY24 to ₹9,324 crore, the cost of materials consumed more than doubled YoY to ₹2,824 crore in Q4FY24 from ₹1,324 crore Q4FY23.

The company's airport arm also took an exceptional loss of ₹627 crore in the March quarter towards the annual fees for Mumbai International Airport Ltd, as an expense for the period of March 2022 to September 2022. "We remain dedicated to corporate governance, meticulous compliance, robust performance and effective capital flow management," said Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group.

The emerging core infra businesses comprising of ANIL Ecosystem, Airports and Roads are making significant strides in their operational performance, the company said.

Adani Ports profit up 77%

NEW DELHI: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) on Thursday reported a 76.87% jump in consolidated net profit to ₹2,014.77 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2024. The integrated logistics player had clocked a profit of 1,139.07 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal, it said in a BSE filing. Its consolidated total income rose to ₹7,199.94 crore for Q4FY24 against ₹6,178.35 crore last year. *ENS*

DoT asks telcos to start caller ID feature CNAP

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a bid to check spam calls in, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has asked telecom service providers to start trials of CNAP (Calling Name Presentation), a feature that will display name of a caller. According to DoT officials, the government wants these features to be implemented as soon as possible, most probably after the general elections.

"After getting a recommendation from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), DoT asked all three private telecom service providers to start trials of the feature. Moreover, the government wants to implement the features as soon as possible to curb spam calls. Chances are high to start the service post-election," said an official.

CNAP is a service similar to Truecaller that will show callers' name. How will it be different from this third-party app? Truecaller provides information based on crowdsourcing, which may be inaccurate at times, while CNAP will acquire the database from the Customer Application Form (CAF). CAF means a form duly filled out by the customer, which provides details of the customer, installation address, etc., while purchasing a SIM. This means the name you use when purchasing a SIM card will be the one visible to the person you are calling. Meanwhile, Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, and Vodafone Idea have started creating and maintaining a database that contains customer names along with their phone numbers.

However, the feature also faced backlash in 2023, when the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), which represents Airtel, Jio, and Vodafone Idea, raised privacy concerns.

Rangnick latest to turn down Bayern

Ralf Rangnick became the latest high-profile coach to turn down the Bayern Munich job on Thursday. Rangnick has decided to remain in charge of Austria beyond the European Championship. "I am the Austrian team manager with all my heart. This job gives me incredible joy and determined to continue successfully on the path we've chosen," Rangnick said.

Early starts & options: Rohit's gamble

India skipper explains why they lobbied for four spinners over Rinku, their designated finisher in the T20 format

GOMESH S @Chennai

WHILE India captain Rohit Sharma did not reveal much on what kind of combinations the team would play at the T20 World Cup, he made one thing clear. "I definitely wanted four spinners," Sharma said at a press conference in Mumbai on Thursday.

It has been one of the key debates since the squad for the global event, set to be played in the United States and West Indies, was announced on Monday. The Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee had named four frontline spinners — Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Yuzvendra Chahal — leaving out Rinku Singh, who was expected to play the finisher role.

Sharma, while addressing the topic, said that he doesn't want to elaborate as other teams would be watching. "The reason for four spinners is this, which I'm not going to say in public. But I wanted four spinners for sure. With two of the spinners being allrounders who can bat, Axar and Jadeja, and two attacking spinners — Kuldeep and Chahal — it gives you the balance in the spin department. Based on the team composition of the opposition, we can decide what we want to play with. We've played a lot of cricket there (Caribbean). We know what the conditions are like. With morning starts at 10-10.30 AM, there's a little bit of technical aspect involved in this," he said.

Without trying to read too much, it seems like the predominant focus is on the latter stages of the tournament in West Indies despite India playing their entire league stage in the USA. India will travel to the Caribbean only for the Super8 games and knockouts. With things not clear how the conditions would be for day matches that begin at 10.30AM local time (8PM IST), Sharma wanted all the options available when it came to the spin department. After all, when India toured West Indies in 2023, they played three spinners in all five games.

India captain Rohit Sharma & chief selector Ajit Agarkar during a press meet | PTI

This is why someone like Rinku had to miss out. "It (not picking Rinku) is probably the toughest thing we have had to discuss. He has done nothing wrong, not even Shubman Gill for that matter. It is not his fault that he missed out. It's about combinations," Agarkar explained. "A couple of wrist spinners were included to give Rohit (Sharma) more options. There are two keepers, we needed an extra bowler. It's just unfortunate. He's in the reserves, so that tells you how close he came into being in the 15. But at the end of the day, you can only pick 15 players in the squad," he added.

If India do pick three spinners, whether they will be able to accommodate Shivam Dube — whom they have picked for middle-overs hitting — in the XI is another question. "In the middle overs we wanted someone to come and play that role where he can play freely without worrying about who is bowling and who is not. We picked Shivam Dube based on the IPL and a few games before the IPL as well." But for him to feature in the XI, India may have to go with Jasprit Bumrah, Pandya, Dube and spinners sharing the load. The issue, though, is that Dube has bowled only obe over. "Honestly, if we need Shivam to bowl a few overs, he will bowl a few overs. Hardik as well, he has been bowling regularly in the IPL. Whenever it's been required, he has come and bowled. Like Ajit (Agarkar) said, he's come and played all the games, fitness wise, there are no issues."

Rohit still has the option of asking for changes until May 25 if he and the selection committee feels so. But for now, Rohit has got the team he wanted. How far can they go? Only time will tell.

Rajasthan Royals' Sandeep Sharma has been one of the most impactful Indian pacers in the ongoing season of the Indian Premier League | SPORTZPICS

Sandeep keeps it tidy again but SRH pip RR to go fourth

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

"THE only thing you can control is your hard work and never give up attitude." Hours after the T20 World Cup snub, medium pacer Sandeep Sharma posted the message on Instagram on Wednesday. It's not that Sandeep, who had played only two T20Is for India back in 2015, was dead sure of his recall. Already 30 plus, he has reached that stage of his career where such call-ups usually dry down. Despite the crude fact, hope remains and the bowler from Patiala (Punjab) too was hopeful.

And why not? In his role as the death-overs specialist with the table toppers Rajasthan Royals, he had bowled one of the best spells of this season till Wednesday. He sent back Mumbai Indian batters one-by-one in Jaipur a few days ago, bagging 5/18. What's more important is the fact that Sandeep has achieved all this while bowling with quite a good economy rate of 6.83 (by Thursday's match). Only Bumrah (6.40) and Liam Livingstone of Punjab Kings (6.22) have a better economy rate than Sandeep among the bowlers who have played five or more matches till Thursday.

Teams	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
RR	10	8	2	16	0.622
KKR	9	6	3	12	1.09
LSG	10	6	4	12	0.09
SRH	10	6	4	12	0.072
CSK	10	5	5	10	0.627
DC	11	5	6	10	-0.44
PBKS	10	4	6	8	-0.06
GT	10	4	6	8	-1.11
MI	10	3	7	6	-0.27
RCB	10	3	7	6	-0.415

Given the responsibility assigned to him by the team last season, Sandeep has been working mostly on slower bouncers and yorkers. Knuckle ball is another option, which he has been using efficiently. But it's not easy, especially for someone who loves to ball with the new ball in powerplays. "...the management had made it clear to me where I would be bowling majority of my overs so I worked mostly on slower bouncers and yorkers in the nets. I anyway knew I wouldn't be bowling much with the new ball because Boulty (Trent Boult) is a world-class bowler, one of the best in the world," he had said after the match against Lucknow.

The ongoing season, however, did not start the way Sandeep would have hoped. After the first two matches, a side strain kept him out of action for the next five matches. He returned with a bang with a Player of the Match winning performance against Mumbai. Against Lucknow, he remained economical thus making sure Rajasthan did not have to chase a target beyond 200. The good show continued on Thursday as Sandeep bowled miserly, giving away 31 runs from his four overs and claimed the wicket of Amolpreet Singh. With others around him going for eight runs or more per over, he stuck to his plan and dried up the flow of runs. Travis Head's 44-ball 58 and Nitish Kumar Reddy's 76 off 42 apart from some late firworks from Heinrich Klaasen (42 off 19) meant SRH posted 201/3, which they defended to secure a one-run win. Sandeep, however, would not be disappointed as he played his role to near perfection that too only a day after being ignored by the selectors.

Brief scores: SRH 201/3 in 20 ovs (Nitish Reddy 76 n.o., Head 58; Avesh 2/39) **bt** RR 200/7 in 20 ovs (Parag 77, Jaiswal 67; Kumar 3/41). **Full story: newindianexpress.com**

Emphasis on economy over wicket-taking: How Chahar adapts to T20s

GOMESH S @Chennai

MUCH like it has been for his team, it has been a roller-coaster of an IPL season for Punjab Kings spinner Rahul Chahar. While the team is placed seventh in the table with four wins in ten matches, Rahul played in only four of them. He started off the season with a 1/33 against Delhi Capitals, but the next two games did not go well. He bowled just four overs across two games and went for 58 runs before missing out on the next few games.

Chahar eventually came back against Kolkata Knight Riders — where Kings completed the highest successful chase — and had good returns — 1/33 in four overs at 8.25 economy. It only got better when he returned to MA Chidambaram Stadium, one of his favourite venues, to go up against Chennai Super Kings. With the happy memories of 2023 and 2019 at the venue, Chahar continued to thrive on a red soil pitch — 2/16 in four overs, including an over to MS Dhoni in the death — as Kings got the better of the Super Kings once again in Chennai. The icing on the cake was the wicket of Ravindra Jadeja and Moeen Ali, as his partner-in-crime Harpreet Brar (2/17) sent back spin basher Shivam Dube for a first-ball duck.

While Chahar and Brar accounted for four CSK wickets on Wednesday, the significant aspect of their spell was that they did not concede a single boundary in eight overs. And that is perhaps the most rewarding thing for Chahar — to be economical and not go for runs — and understandably so. This IPL season has been titled in the favour of batters and with the Impact Player rule coming in, there has been little to no inhibition from the batters to hit sixes. The record-breaking totals posted in the ongoing seasons sum the effect it has had on the bowlers.

Rahul Chahar did not concede a single boundary against CSK on Wednesday

After Impact Player, the bowlers who can bat are sidelined and teams want proper bowlers and batters. I personally do not like this rule. Hopefully, it will go
— Rahul Chahar

As a spinner, Chahar, who is not a big fan of the Impact Player rule, is trying to find his own way to make an impact. For him, the focus has shifted to being economical than going for wickets. "The way things are going it looks very difficult for bowlers. I think these days, more than wicket taking, bowlers who can be economical are more valuable. And that is what I am focusing on, my strength is my economy," Chahar tells this daily.

Chahar is not alone in thinking this way. Rajasthan Royals and India spinner R Ashwin had spoken along similar lines on his YouTube channel. "Sometimes even when you bowl well, you go for 40 runs. Many teams these days use AI and technology and what's emerged out of those is that wicket-taking is becoming irrelevant in T20 cricket. If you look at this IPL wicket-taking is sometimes hampering certain teams," Ashwin had said.

Punjab Kings fast bowling coach Charl Langeveldt, meanwhile, said that trying to be economical might look defensive, but that is not necessarily the case. "When you are playing high-scoring games, your defensive plan is your wicket-taking option. So being able to be defensive might sound negative but I feel like it gives you the opportunity to create wickets. So I always say if you are bowling economically you are creating opportunities," he had said ahead of the match in Chennai.

How do you do it? You do it by not bowling keeping the batter guessing and not bowling in the same areas. "As a spinner, you should keep varying your things. You cannot bowl six balls in one place. You have to play with batters' minds, varying the line and length. And I think that is the way you can go because you cannot be one-dimensional. You also have to think what the batter is about to do, who he is batting with, whether he is stepping out or trying to reverse sweep because spinner cannot do the things a fast bowler can - bouncer, yorker and all that - you have to keep the other things in mind," Chahar said. "I think we are mature enough and have played a lot cricket on different kinds of wicket so we are used to change based on conditions. It is not very difficult you just have to prepare one day before, like for example today (Tuesday) I am going for practice I will bowl like I am bowling to Shivam Dube or Ruturaj Gaikwad. I think like that and practice like that."

Whatever he tried to practice on Tuesday worked out well for Chahar and the Kings. And they would be hoping that it continues over the next four games as well.

COACH TALKS

CONCERNED ABOUT PACER DEEPAK'S INJURY: FLEMING

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

Even as Punjab Kings beat Chennai Super Kings by seven wickets to get to eight points, the home team's position in the points table hasn't changed. Super Kings are still in the top four (it could change if Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Rajasthan Royals), but they have bigger things to worry about after the loss against Punjab.

While dew factor once again played its part as Chennai tried to defend 162 on a humid evening at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, what also dented CSK hopes of a win was Deepak Chahar walking off after just bowling two balls. Plus the absence of Matheesha Pathirana due to a niggle and Tushar Deshpande due to a flu. Although Richard Gleeson had a good debut, CSK bowling has a lot to worry about. "Chahar doesn't look good. The initial feeling wasn't good, now we're hoping for positive news when the physio and doctor have a look. Sri Lankan boys (Theekshana, Pathirana) are off for their visas, we're hoping that their process is smooth and we get them back for the next game up north. Gleeson was good, and was one of the positives. Losing Mustafizur (after the next game) is a blow, there is a lot going on, isn't it? Tushar has got a bit of flu going on, so we missed him on Wednesday. So we had to make some changes, but that's part of it. We have got resources, they just haven't got game time to be comfortable with their roles," Fleming said after the loss.

One of the talking points of the game was the shuffle in the CSK batting order with Shivam Dube coming in at No 3 and Ravindra Jadeja at No 4. "Dube was a big part of that (six-hitting) and losing him today with their spinners was a great wicket for them (Punjab). In terms of a left-arm spinner and a leg-spinner, it was a great match-up for Dube. We have seen him do really well this season but they won that one nicely and that then created pressure on our ability to continue to hit sixes and it was tough. Another thing is that it is a biggish ground, so if there is any kind of assistance, it's hard square-wise to get boundaries. And they bowled well, they protected it well. Made it difficult for us," pointed out the former New Zealand captain. "We have spoken about the unpredictability of wickets (at Chepauk). Today the first ball bounced and hit Jinks (Rahane) in the helmet. Just trying to get a gauge on how it will play. Unfortunately we're batting first a lot, which makes it difficult to gauge what a competitive score is. We got a couple of 200s, so that was on the mind today but it was a bit sticky. What was a good start in the first six overs then became difficult. We tried with the lefties, obviously Dube and then Jadeja was also an aggressive role which didn't work, and Sameer Rizvi as well. We just couldn't get anything through the middle," he added.

CAN ON SONG KOLKATA BEAT MUMBAI?

Kolkata Knight Riders can take a step towards playoffs with another win while Mumbai Indians will look to put up a united front after some questionable displays. A look...

Inside the top 10 for runs scored (392; sixth), inside the top three for strike-rate (min=200 balls faced), third for boundaries with 44 and seventh for sixes with 22. It's been quite the campaign already for the English opener who was called up as a replacement for Jason Roy. If Sunil Narine, partner-in-crime, and Salt can keep it going on Friday, expect another fast, demoralising outing for the opposition bowlers.

FOCUS ON SALT

Mumbai have gone through players and various combinations but nothing has worked out for the five-time champions. Worryingly, few pundits have suggested that there may be a few things going on in the dressing room. Michael Clarke suggested as much. It's time for all of them to work collectively to salvage what's left of this season.

DIVIDED HOUSE

In a season where bat has dominated ball, Kolkata's lead spinners have given them much-needed control even as some of the more experienced bowlers including Mitchell Starc has travelled. Out of the top 12 bowlers for most dots bowled, these are the only two spinners in the list with 82 (Sunil Narine) and 78 (Varun Chakrvarthy).

VARUN, NARINE AXIS

Mumbai Indians **vs** Kolkata Knight Riders

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM, Mumbai

EXPRESS READ

Hockey: Salima to lead in Pro League

NEW DELHI: Midfielder Salima Tete on Thursday replaced veteran goalkeeper Savita Punia as captain of the 24-strong Indian women's hockey squad for the Belgium and England legs of the FIH Pro League starting later this month. Navneet Kaur has been named her deputy for the tour.

India beat B'desh by seven wickets

SYLHET: A dominant India grabbed an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match women's T20I series as they pummelled Bangladesh by seven wickets on Thursday. After their skipper Harmanpreet Kaur opted to field, India's bowlers restricted Bangladesh to 117/8, which the visitors overhauled in 18.3 overs.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Dortmund take lead over PSG

AGENCIES @ Dortmund

NICLAS Fuellkrug gave Borussia Dortmund a 1-0 win over Paris Saint-Germain in their Champions League semifinal first leg on Wednesday as the journeyman striker outshone superstar Kylian Mbappe on the night.

Seeking a return to the final for the first time since 2013, the 1997 winners were dogged and determined, outmuscling their heavily favoured opponents in front of more than 80,000 fans.

Fuellkrug, playing in his first Champions League season at the age of 31, collected a lofted pass from centre-back Nico Schlotterbeck in the 36th minute and blasted a low shot into the left corner of the net.

PSG, led by Kylian Mbappe, hit the post twice in quick succession early in the second-half but could not break through.

"I think we today showed a classic team performance. Each helped the other to win the game. We needed a bit of luck a couple of times, but we can be very satisfied with our performance," said long-serving centre-back Mats Hummels.

Dortmund's Niclas Fuellkrug (C) celebrates with teammates on Thursday | AFP

Thomas & Uber Cup: Indian teams crash out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

INDIA'S Thomas and Uber Cup campaigns came to an end on Thursday. It was the women's side who were first to exit after a 0-3 loss in the quarterfinals against Japan in Chengdu, China. Later, the men's team, the defending champions, went down 1-3 at the same stage against China.

The men's team did display plenty of spirit with three ties going the distance. HS Prannoy was the first to enter the court and he did well to pocket the first game against Shi Yu Qi. However, Shi recovered to take the next two games and the tie (15-21, 21-11, 21-14) in the process.

Doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were next and it was vital for them to get a W (given China's visible advantage on paper in the last two ties). Despite showing fight in the second game, they made a slow start in the decider against Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang and that cost them dearly (15-21, 21-11, 12-21).

Lakshya Sen, the next man in, had to win in order to keep India's hopes alive. After the completion of the opening game against Li Shi Feng, things were not looking bright for Lakshya. But Lakshya pocketed the second game with ease before going on to clinch the tie, keeping the team alive in the process.

Dhruv Kapila and Sai Pratheek K, the second doubles pair from the country, could not offer much resistance against World No 11 pair of He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu. The Indian pair lost 10-21, 10-21, confirming India's exit in the process.

Earlier, the women's team, which featured some young faces in the absence of PV Sindhu, lost 0-3 against Japan. Ashmita Chaliha, who played the opening singles, put up a spirited fight but lost 10-21, 22-20, 15-21 against Aya Ohori.

TikTok and Universal announced a new licensing agreement on Thursday, ending a months-long dispute. The companies released a joint statement that said the deal included "improved remuneration" for artists and songwriters under the Universal Music Group (UMG), and will assuage concerns over AI-generated content on TikTok

KNOW WHAT GOOGLE IS DOING FOR ITS PLAY STORE SECURITY

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

GOOGLE is taking various steps to secure its Google Play store. From strengthening its developer onboarding and review processes to labelling VPN apps or phasing out outdated apps, the company is dedicated to creating a more secure and user-friendly experience.

In a blog post, the company said it is investing in new and improved security features, policy updates, and advanced machine learning and app review processes to keep Google Play users safe, even as the threat landscape continues to evolve. Last year, Google filtered out over 2 million apps with questionable credentials.

"In 2023, we prevented 2.28 million policy-violating apps from being published on Google Play in part thanks to our investment in new and improved security features, policy updates, and advanced machine learning and app review processes," said the US-based technology giant.

STRENGTHENING ONBOARDING PROCESS

Google has tightened its review processes for developer onboarding and review. Developers will now have to furnish more identity information when they first establish their Play accounts. With this enhancement, Google claims to have identified bad actors and fraud rings, resulting in the banning of 333K bad accounts from Play for violations such as confirmed malware and repeated severe policy violations. Additionally, almost 200K app submissions were either rejected or remediated to ensure the proper use of sensitive permissions, such as background location or SMS access.

PARTNERING FOR PRIVACY

Google, in its blog, mentioned that to tackle privacy concerns at scale, it has partnered with software development kit (SDK) providers. These partnerships aim to limit the amount of data collected by apps that utilise these SDKs. As per Google, the collaboration impacted over 790,000 apps by restricting unnecessary data access and sharing. Additionally, Google has significantly expanded the Play Store's SDK Index that empowers developers to make informed choices regarding privacy conscious SDKs. This not only enhances user privacy but also minimises integration risks for developers.

LABEL FOR VPN

Choosing a trustworthy VPN app can be daunting. To simplify this decision-making process, Google Play has introduced a new transparency label. This label highlights VPN apps that have undergone independent security audits conducted by the App Defense Alliance's Mobile App Security Assessment program. Users can now easily identify apps prioritising security and user privacy based on this clear indicator.

COMBATING MALICIOUS APPS FROM OUTSIDE

Google Play Protect can now identify malicious apps even if you download them from outside the Play Store. According to Google, to better protect its customers who install apps from sources other than Play Store, it has enhanced Google Play Protect's security capabilities with real-time scanning at the code-level to combat novel malicious apps. "Our security protections and machine learning algorithms learn from each app submitted to Google for review and we look at thousands of signals and compare app behaviour. This new capability has already detected over 5 million new, malicious off-Play apps, which helps protect Android users worldwide," said the company.

STRICTER DEVELOPER REQUIREMENTS

Google has implemented stricter requirements to ensure high-quality apps and greater developer accountability. New mandates include mandatory testing procedures for developers before their apps can be published on Google Play. This testing phase allows developers to identify and rectify any issues before launch, ultimately offering users a more polished and reliable app experience.

USER CONTROL OVER DATA

Apps that enable account creation must now provide users with an option to delete their accounts and associated data directly within the app or through an online portal. This empowers users to manage their privacy more effectively and simplifies the data deletion process. Google Play is phasing out outdated apps that are not compatible with the latest Android APIs. This ensures users with updated devices have access to apps that leverage the most recent security features.

Government's IT spends tied to AI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

PUBLIC sector IT leaders expect substantial near-term adoption of multiple IT operating models, yet the current usage is slightly behind the average compared to other industries. Nutanix, a US-based hybrid multi-cloud computing firm, says in its latest report that the use of hybrid multicloud models in the industry will quadruple over the next three years. To back its forecast, it says IT decision-makers at public sector organisations are looking to modernise data centres into private clouds and preserve choice in public cloud deployments.

Primary drivers for IT infra investments in the next year include ransomware prevention, IT modernisation, and AI strategy support to gain flexibility and access new capabilities to improve operations and enable mission success. "Public sector organisations are eager to modernise their IT infrastructure and lay the foundation to adopt new technologies to deliver better services and experiences for constituents," says Greg O'Connell, senior director sales, public sector at Nutanix.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT

1. Hybrid multicloud deployments lag behind other industries. The vast majority of both public sector organisations (85%) and all sectors (90%) agree that their organisations now embrace cloud-smart IT deployment strategies. However, just 8% of global public sector organisations report using a hybrid multicloud approach
2. When public sector organisations are investing in IT infrastructure, protection from ransomware is the primary driver
3. Security and compliance are the biggest drivers of application relocation and the top priority for CIO/CTOs, as public sector organisations recover from high rates of ransomware attacks. The vast majority of ECI respondents—92% in the public sector group and 95% globally—say they had moved one or more applications to a different IT environment in the past 12 months
4. AI use is going up, though issues concerning data privacy and best practices persist. Though AI support ranked fairly low on public sector infrastructure purchasing criteria, respondents show high levels of interest in the technology elsewhere

Apple ups its AI game, poaches top talent from Google for secretive lab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

APPLE, is going all in to make a splash in the field of artificial intelligence. According to reports, the US tech giant has set up a secretive research lab in Zurich, Switzerland, where its crack team, most of them poached from rival Google over the years, is working to create Apple's own suite of cutting edge AI products.

While Apple has been tight-lipped about its AI plans unlike its big tech rivals such as Microsoft, Google, and Amazon that have announced billions of dollars of investments, the $2.7 trillion company seems to be on a hiring spree to fire up its global AI and machine learning team. Reports say Apple has lured at least 36 top AI specialists from Google since 2018. This recruitment drive follows the appointment of John Giannandrea, former head of Google Brain (now part of DeepMind), as Apple's top AI executive.

The newly established Zurich lab signifies Apple's dedication to advancing AI beyond its existing facilities in California and Seattle.

In a separate development, the European Commission has designated iPadOS, Apple's tablet operating system, as a 'gatekeeper' under the Digital Markets Act. This classification reflects the growing regulatory pressure on tech giants regarding their market dominance.

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My Client Smt. Kala Kiran Raju W/o. late Kiran Chandra Raju, aged 51 years, No.48, SBI Officers Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-79, intending to purchase the property the residential Site No. 86, Assessment No. 95/1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 92/3, 92/5B Katha No. 167/86, present BBMP khata No. 167/95/1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 92/3, 92/5B/86 situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP Ward Kogilu 6006, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 36 feet in all 1800 square feet, bounded on East by - Site No. 83, West by - 30 feet Road, North by - Site No. 85, and South by - Site No. 87 from Sri. Sylada Venkata Krishna Satya Sai, aged 50 years, S/o late Sri. Sylada Nava Mohan, No. F 403, Nagarjuna Greenridge, Sector 2, HSR lay out, Bengaluru 560102 here after referred to as schedule property for a valuable consideration, as he has represented and contended to my client that he is the absolute owner of the above said property, and if any body / person/s or firm / company has right, title or whare or interest whatsoever, or any objection for the sale of the said property, may contact under mentioned person within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, shall be deemed to have been consciously waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall there after not be binding on my client.

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1. Name of Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants: (1) Mrs. Harini V Thantry, W/o Vishnumurthy Thantry K, (2) Mr. Vishnumurthy Thantry K, S/o Radhakrishna Thantry K, Both are residing at : #B-401, 4th Floor, Rajsri Apartments, Kenchenahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560098, **Both are also at :** #117, Veeresha Krupa, BCC Layout, Attiguppe, Vijayanagara 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560040

Branch Name: Bengaluru - Chamarajpet **Date of Demand Notice : 24.01.2024**

Amount Demanded: Rs.23,53,806.53 [Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Six and Paisa Fifty Three Only] under TL A/c No.0587001600096001 along with future interest from 28.12.2023

Date of taking Possession : 30.04.2024

Balance outstanding as on date of possession : Rs.24,31,227.53 [Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Seven and Paisa Fifty Three Only] under TL A/c No.0587001600096001 along with future interest from 28.04.2023, plus costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No.B-401** [3 BHK], in Block B on the fourth floor, in the apartment building known as **"Rajsri Apartment"**, having super built up area of **1706.25 Sq.ft** and undivided share, right, title and interest of **326 Sq.ft,** and one covered car parking space, constructed on property bearing No.413/251, situated at Halagevaderahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru, **belonging to Mr. Vishnumurthy Thantry K. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road **West :** Sy. No. 252 **North :** Remaining Portion of Sy.No.251 **South :** Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 251

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Date of taking Possession : 30.04.2024

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Description of the Immovable Property All that part and parcel of **Residential Flat bearing No. B-401** [3 BHK], in Block B on the fourth floor, in the apartment building known as **"Rajsri Apartment"**, having super built up area of **1706.25 Sq.ft** and undivided share , right , title and interest of **326 Sq.ft,** and one covered car parking space, constructed on property bearing No. 413/251, situated at Halagevaderahalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru, **belonging to Mr. Vishnumurthy Thantry K. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road **West :** Sy. No. 252 **North :** Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 251 **South :** Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 251

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The borrower/ guarantor/co-obligant/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor/co-obligant/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **30.04.2024.**

The borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors/co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**, for amounts as described herein above.

[Your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Sd/-
Chief Manager And Authorized Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 30.04.2024

Muthoottu Mini Financiers

Registered Office: 65/623-K, Muthoottu Royal Towers, Kaloor, Kochi, Kerala - 682017

CIN: U65910KL1998PLC012154 GSTIN: 33AABCM5994M1ZY

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned, borrowers in specific, who had pledged their ornaments vide Gold loan numbers in the branches which is given below.
The auction is for the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who had failed to redeem their overdue accounts after repeated reminders and being notified by registered letters. The auction will be conducted at the respective branches on 18.05.2024 from 10 AM. In case unsuccessful branch auction on the notified date, the same will be conducted via public auction/e-auction at the respective District auction centers on the following dates, in the presence of board approved auctioneers, for recovering the outstanding amount. In any case auction process is not completed as per this schedule, it will be continued on the subsequent dates on the same terms and conditions without any further notice. Any change in auction date will be displayed at the respective branches/Auction centers.

BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD NO 1/1,1ST FLOOR,JC CIRCLE,KR ROAD,HOSAKOTE,BANGALORE RURAL- 562114** **AUCTION DATE: 03.06.2024**
KAR-HOSAKOTE: 706206941, 706206971, 706206998, 706207008, 706207086, 706207097, 706207146, 706207310, 706207332, 706207337, 706207353, 706207367, 706207381, 706207386, 706207407, 706207422, 706207531, 706207623, 706207648, 706207756, 706207772, 706207851, 706208088, 706208090, 706208112, 706208118, 706208201, 706208268, 706208382, 706208402, 706208821, 706208846, 706208972, 706209067, 706209150. KAR-NELAMANGALA: 182.

BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS #8/14 SM ROAD NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE JALAHALLI WEST BANGALORE 560015** **AUCTION DATE: 03.06.2024**
KAR-A D HALLI: 10803, 11036, 11037, 11038, 11067, 11095, 11142, 11146, 11272, 11311. KAR-ANJANANAGAR: 11883, 11884, 12011, 12115, 12134, 12142, 12144, 12149, 12162, 12231, 12243, 12248, 12252, 12280, 12336, 12340, 12351, 12360, 12396, 12643. KAR-ASWATH NAGAR: 420, 423, 460, 469, 470, 485, 493, 616, 628, 629, 636. KAR-ATHEBELE: 6684, 6687, 6884, 6895, 6896, 6899, 6918, 6929, 6940, 6953, 6955, 7022, 7033, 7038, 7064, 7072, 7100, 7146, 7147, 7177, 7272. KAR-BANASHANKARI: 11977, 12011, 12020, 12130, 12211, 12216, 12304, 12337, 12401. KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR: 11506, 11507, 11565, 11571, 11606, 11679, 11733, 11910, 11911, 12119, 12209, 12234. KAR-BOMMANAHALLI: 17746, 17757, 17762, 17763, 17899, 18012, 18309, 18357, 18458, 18527, 18532, 18625. KAR-BTM LAYOUT: 10494, 10515, 10516, 10517, 10518, 10519, 10520, 10522, 10526, 10529, 10560, 10598, 10617, 10664, 10824, 10854, 10872. KAR-CHANDAPURA: 9804, 9816, 9831, 9848, 10085, 10092, 10099, 10105, 10121, 10122, 10145, 10321. KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI: 10010444, 10010479, 10010530, 10010534, 10010581, 10010582, 10010584, 10010585, 10010601, 10010607, 10010619, 10010670, 10010679, 10010693, 10010714, 10010715, 10010718, 10010745, 10010749, 10010751, 10010781, 10010803, 10010854, 10010855, 10010905, 10010959, 10010970, 10010976, 10011075, 63628482, 63628551. KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA: 13244, 13245, 13308, 13345, 13349, 13380, 13403, 13449, 13456, 13488, 13494, 13518, 13568, 13608, 13609, 13715, 13745, 13763, 13785, 13810, 13952, 13975, 14066, 14101, 14124. KAR-GANDHI BAZAAR: 1695, 1696, 1700, 1704, 1726, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1782, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1810, 1833, 1841, 1850, 1859, 1882, 1912, 2079, 2131, 2132. KAR-GIRINAGAR: 28888, 28927, 28940, 28949, 28974, 29096, 29342, 29363, 29366. KAR-HEBBAGODI: 23912, 23913, 23930, 24043, 24059, 24098, 24113, 24114, 24135, 24172, 24192, 24202, 24266, 24343, 24371, 24480, 24648, 24670, 24682, 24689, 24704, 24896, 24900, 24909, 24925, 25125. KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE: 10870, 10871, 10910, 10911, 10978, 11011, 11056, 11057, 11155, 11165, 11271. KAR-HENNUR: 706305501, 706305703, 706305764, 706305814, 706305825, 706305826, 706305878, 706305885, 706305886, 706305894, 706305895, 706305905, 706305907, 706305908, 706305910, 706305915, 706305917, 706305920, 706305931, 706305993, 706306012, 706306059, 706306064, 706306156, 706306157, 706306261, 706306386. KAR-HOSA ROAD: 29027, 29183, 29208, 29222, 29224, 29225, 29278, 29279, 29523, 29524, 29545, 29755, 29797, 29803, 29811, 29844, 29919, 29922, 29969, 29974, 29990, 30040, 30060, 30069, 30083, 30110, 30152, 30217, 30352, 30426, 30465, 30466, 30486, 30541, 30661, 30687. KAR-HOSAGUDDADAHALLI: 1150, 1208, 1221, 1229, 1236, 1254, 1365, 1377, 1379, 1380, 1446, 1453, 1479. KAR-HSR LAYOUT: 25534, 25663, 25766, 25783, 25784, 25785, 25786, 25802, 25803, 25808, 25893, 26007, 26028, 26064, 26065, 26066, 26067, 26068, 26069, 26070, 26071, 26073, 26075, 26076, 26077, 26078, 26079, 26080, 26083, 26242, 26284, 26313, 26371, 26519, 26591, 26636, 26692, 26726, 26791, 26807, 26997, 27075, 27161, 27542, 27610, 27649. KAR-INFANTRY ROAD: 7192, 7229, 7258, 7434, 7753, 7792. KAR-JALAHALLI: 18597, 18665, 22152, 22153, 22319, 22337, 22367, 22372, 22445, 22446, 22455, 22471, 22507, 22509, 22517, 22518, 22520, 22547, 22563, 22594, 22621, 22641, 22642, 22643, 22751, 22755, 22836, 22837, 22901, 22917, 23005, 23020, 23068. KAR-JAYANAGAR: 10306, 10310, 10319, 10453, 10481, 10499, 10506, 10514, 10531, 10667, 10676, 10680, 10683, 10685, 10702, 10724, 10753, 10765, 10766, 10767, 10777. KAR-JP NAGAR: 19276, 19277, 19286, 19317, 19318, 19319, 19330, 19336, 19406, 19407, 19408, 19409, 19587, 19627, 19685, 19698, 19699, 19713, 19729, 19730, 19734, 19751, 19752, 19757, 19818, 19828, 19855, 19865, 19891, 19938, 20036, 20110, 20114, 20127, 20135, 20164. KAR-JP NAGAR-2: 397, 427, 439, 441, 489, 491, 511, 531, 532, 546, 549, 590, 752, 755. KAR-K R PURAM: 78704966, 78705129, 78705335, 78705408, 78705410, 78705428, 78705509, 78705584, 78705605, 78705618, 78705652, 78705906, 78705911, 78706060, 78706064, 78706079, 88226893, 88227012, 88227079, 88227127, 88227141, 88227162, 88227206, 88227210, 88227235. KAR-KAMMANAHALLI: 31612, 31741, 31806, 31807. KAR-KENGERI: 9063, 9255, 9272, 9277, 9303, 9356, 9406, 9468, 9478, 9479, 9481, 9482, 9517, 9518, 9520, 9552, 9594, 9701, 9833, 9838, 9882. KAR-KORAMANGALA: 5571, 5572, 5586, 5740, 5766, 5769, 5803, 5804, 5807, 5819, 5820, 5821, 5838, 5855, 5902, 5905, 5951, 6018. KAR-KOTHANNUR: 30004366, 30004492, 30004559, 30004561, 30004637, 30004768, 30004789, 30004820, 30004838, 30004874, 30004879, 30004884, 30004885, 30004886, 30004898, 512611077, 512611079, 512611087, 512611090, 512611106, 512611108, 512611109, 512611110, 512611114, 512611125, 512611131, 512611147, 512611168, 512611202, 512611220, 512611247, 512611268, 512611282, 512611285, 512611299, 512611318, 512611329, 512611337, 512611351, 512611352, 512611371, 512611373, 512611395, 512611398, 512611400, 512611401, 512611409, 512611530, 512611533, 512611863, 512611991. KAR-KUMBALGODU: 16249, 16329, 16338, 16403, 16416, 16417, 16596, 16807, 16902, 16922, 16963, 16966, 17006, 17015, 17041, 17047, 17087, 17126, 17150, 17239, 17252, 17254, 17258, 17260, 17278, 17385, 17416, 17539, 17596, 17609, 17643, 17673, 17675, 17700, 17770. KAR-LALBAGH: 14755, 14756, 14874, 14882, 14934, 14952, 15053, 15081, 15264, 15275. KAR-LINGARAJAPURAM: 7071, 7197. KAR-M.S.PALYA: 30004817, 30004953, 30004970, 30004976, 30005005, 30005036, 30005062, 30005083, 30005090, 30005091, 30005110, 30005306, 30005311, 30005376, 30005380, 30005384, 30005385, 30005393, 30005474, 30005508, 30005509, 30005585, 30005609, 30005659, 30005670, 30005724, 30005742, 30005743, 30005781, 30005782, 30005825, 30005847, 30006214, 30006297, 30006339, 30006368. KAR-MADIVALA: 13686, 13687, 13688, 13791, 13915. KAR-MALLESHWARAM: 9017, 9053, 9055, 9097, 9132, 9138, 9185, 9234, 9236, 9241, 9287, 9346, 9381, 9397. KAR-MANJUNATHA NAGAR: 18369, 19606, 19607, 19609, 19610, 19613, 19662, 19663, 19664, 19808, 19886, 19887, 19896, 19926, 19957, 19964, 19985, 20016, 20064, 20084, 20109, 20155, 20197, 20234, 20257, 20297, 20383, 20496. KAR-MARATHAHALLI: 98612032, 98612242, 98612292, 98612374, 98612375, 98612405, 98612418, 98612422, 98612444, 98612551, 98612554, 98612754, 98612870, 98612894. KAR-MARUTHISEVA NAGAR: 10451, 10503, 10504, 10527, 10528, 10598, 10600, 10601, 10603, 10622, 10675, 10748, 10766, 10768, 10769, 10860, 10861, 10866, 10867, 10869, 10889, 10917, 10966, 10971, 10982, 11031, 11071, 11214, 11231, 11245, 11257. KAR-MATHIKERE: 10010945, 10010985, 10011061, 10011062, 10011096, 10011114, 10011115, 10011158, 10011159, 10011192, 10011232, 10011255, 10011258, 10011368, 10011377, 10011412, 10011521, 10011590, 10011591, 10011603, 10011634, 10011642, 10011691, 10011713, 10011775, 10011778. KAR-MOODALAPALYA: 10193, 10416, 10443, 10468, 10485, 10504, 10519, 10537, 10556, 10573, 10579, 10581, 10585, 10590, 10600, 10670, 10682, 10685, 10753, 10789. KAR-MUTHANALLUR: 9292, 9299, 9309, 9336, 9339, 9349, 9359, 9367, 9401, 9444, 9447, 9461, 9473, 9479, 9481, 9611, 9662, 9699, 9703, 9704, 9816, 9821, 9825, 9847, 9849, 9895, 9913, 9914, 9935, 9947, 9985, 10097, 10156, 10158, 10161. KAR-NAGARABHAVI: 11376, 11424, 11426, 11474, 11482, 11491, 11536, 11537, 11551, 11595, 11609, 11655, 11671. KAR-PEENYA: 1080789, 1080998, 1081060, 1081130, 1081133, 1081136, 1081137, 1081250, 1081390, 1081435, 1081527, 1081599, 1081645, 1081796, 1081862, 1081867, 1081870, 1081871. KAR-RAJAJINAGAR: 11732, 11748, 11808, 11813, 11818, 11833, 11852, 11871, 11873, 11874, 11894, 11911, 11922, 12056. KAR-RAJARAJESHWARI: 1876, 1889, 1933, 2052, 2159. KAR-RAMAMURTHY NAGAR: 15677, 15696, 15791, 15919, 15920, 15928, 15930, 16012, 16130, 16131, 16174, 16215, 16233, 16388, 16405, 16412, 16424, 16471, 16485. KAR-RT NAGAR: 17958, 17984, 18071, 18081, 18086, 18109, 18156, 18159, 18160, 18168, 18179, 18204, 18209, 18211, 18272, 18276, 18297, 18357, 18545, 18640, 18852, 18865. KAR-SANJAY NAGAR: 8564, 8792, 8802, 8812, 8842, 8845, 8869, 8870, 8871, 8873, 8882, 8894, 8900, 8902, 8961, 8962, 8963, 8964, 8972, 8988, 8999, 9026, 9034, 9035, 9036, 9040, 9042, 9047, 9049, 9058, 9073, 9075, 9117, 9118, 9119, 9123, 9130, 9150, 9166, 9274, 9337, 9346, 9347. KAR-SARJAPUR ROAD: 15249, 15565, 15772, 15879, 15886, 15906, 15910, 15911, 15933, 15938, 15952, 16059, 16094, 16135, 16174, 16235, 16319, 16384, 16403, 16445, 16464, 16468. KAR-SBM COLONY: 9496, 9585, 9644, 9795. KAR-SRINAGAR: 10907, 11090, 11106, 11221, 11328, 11353, 11363, 11400, 11447, 11485. KAR-SUMANAHALLI: 30014051, 30014082, 30014096, 30014129, 30014209, 30014211, 30014233, 30014345, 30014436. KAR-SUNKADAKATTE: 20701, 20704, 20706, 20707, 20708, 20709, 20711, 20796, 20797, 20813, 20829, 20958, 21058, 21061, 21063, 21065, 21072, 21147, 21168, 21202, 21213, 21229, 21255, 21268, 21306, 21359, 21360, 21403, 21412, 21421, 21431, 21473, 21490, 21491, 21497, 21513, 21541, 21592, 21614, 21623, 21625, 21682, 21697, 21731, 21763, 21827, 21965, 22007, 22022, 22088, 22101, 22110, 22128. KAR-T.C.PALYA: 14200, 14234, 14445, 14530, 14687, 14763, 14800, 14857, 14858, 14903, 14915, 14933, 14975, 14977, 15040, 15088, 15096, 15244, 15474. KAR-THANISANDRA: 9991. KAR-THIPPASANDRA: 31924, 32070, 32140, 32181, 32200, 32252, 32254, 32324, 32331, 32332, 32333, 32334, 32335, 32336, 32337, 32338, 32389, 32390, 32530, 32533, 32640, 32641, 32709, 32746, 32806, 32889, 32908, 32912, 32935, 33003, 33093, 758205802, 758205864, 758205884, 758205950, 758205951, 758205957, 758206009, 758206031, 758206088, 758206138, 758206181, 758206202, 758206247. KAR-UTTARAHALLI: 320177, 320220, 320231, 320240, 320251, 320278, 320291, 320307, 320335, 320338, 320344, 320345, 320346, 320347, 320375, 320421, 320460, 320545, 320561, 320566, 320573, 320643, 320657, 320668, 320676, 320680, 320708, 320718, 320739, 320752, 320800, 320830, 320843, 320845, 320856, 320916, 320921, 320922, 321042, 321072, 321107, 321136, 321139, 321322, 321326. KAR-VIDYARANYAPURA: 10368, 10430, 10431, 10452, 10517, 10629, 10743, 10744, 10772, 10852, 10888, 11143. KAR-VIJAYNAGAR: 9876, 10023, 10034, 10040, 10041, 10047, 10069, 10088, 10101, 10102, 10133, 10140, 10141, 10146, 10147, 10158, 10180, 10212, 10215, 10217, 10223, 10230, 10239, 10332, 10405, 10429, 10466, 10475, 10480. KAR-VIVEKNAGAR: 16084, 16118, 16198, 16265, 16516, 16701, 16738, 16801, 16969, 17030, 17035, 17082, 17102, 17115, 17136, 17144, 17154, 17177, 17194, 17216, 17291, 17292, 17294, 17315, 17342, 17350, 17412, 17480, 17578, 17701, 17918, 18029, 18040, 18047, 18080. KAR-WILSON GARDEN: 8801, 8802, 8842, 8845, 8855, 8856, 8877, 8897, 8907, 8919, 9066, 9107, 9108, 9111, 9167, 9170, 9226, 9345. KAR-YESHWANTHPUR: 98614502, 98614680, 98614706, 98614708, 98614710, 98614731, 98614745, 98614749, 98614771, 98614772, 706207312, 706207338, 706207383, 706207387, 706207502, 706207507, 706207528, 706207808, 706207809.

CHAMARAJNAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD # 34 SRI RAMA COMPLEX BANAJIGARA BUILDING SAMPIGE ROAD CHAMARAJANAGAR-571313** **AUCTION DATE: 01.06.2024**
KAR-CHAMARAJA NAGARA: 20748, 20754, 20783, 20805, 20830, 20864, 20873, 20942, 20993, 20994, 21073, 21182, 21322, 21409, 21410, 21499, 21535, 21794. KAR-GUNDLUPET: 32802, 33013, 33092, 33305, 33330, 33364, 33406, 33617, 33622, 33636, 33646, 33654, 33655, 33664, 33686, 33726, 33733, 33758, 33909, 34036, 34069, 34071, 34074, 34088, 34111, 34121, 34173, 34186. KAR-KOLLEGALA: 12465, 12468, 12486, 12513, 12524, 12551, 12552, 12566, 12578, 12586, 12617, 12623, 12669, 12689, 12692, 12708, 12868, 12889, 12928, 13015, 13029, 13047, 13065, 13069, 13098, 13099, 13102, 13105, 13142.

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD.1ST FLOOR,2535/B,SUVARANA COMPLEX.OPPOSITE SHANKAR TALKES, LAXMI BAZAR ROAD CHITRADURGA-577501** **AUCTION DATE: 06.06.2024**
KAR-CHITRADURGA: 8913, 8914, 9256, 9297, 9305, 9349, 9380, 9411, 9462, 9550, 9559, 9595, 9751, 9834, 9899, 9910. KAR-HOLALKERE: 20522, 20609, 20817, 20910, 21024, 21050, 21087, 21092, 21399, 21414, 21428, 21693, 21761, 21782.

DAVANAGERE DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD SREE KOTTURESHWARA COMPLEX 1ST CROSS ASHOKA ROAD DAVANGERE-577002** **AUCTION DATE: 06.06.2024**
KAR-DAVANAGERE: 512611721, 512611774, 512611776, 512611825, 512611842, 512611846, 512611866, 512611881, 512611889, 512611898, 512611910, 512611921, 512612061, 512612100, 512612142, 512612154, 512612169, 512612174, 512612193, 512612235, 512612257, 512612265, 512612293, 512612294, 512612300, 512612328, 512612329, 512612334, 512612344, 512612372, 512612404, 512612412, 512612456, 512612461, 512612487, 512612494, 512612501, 512612598, 512612781, 512612797, 512612886.

HASSAN DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD 1ST FLOOR SNS COMPLEX OPP MAHAVEERA PETROL BUNK B M ROAD HASSAN** **AUCTION DATE: 07.06.2024**
KAR-ARSIKERE: 23063, 23082, 23151, 23167, 23191, 23236, 23260, 23265, 23278, 23294, 23305, 23306, 23307, 23317, 23328, 23331, 23341, 23349, 38390, 38584, 38658, 38659, 38695, 38707, 38746, 38754, 38756, 38758, 38762, 38805, 38819, 38829, 38842, 38858, 38872, 38905, 38997, 38998, 39012, 39051, 39121, 39158, 39176, 39188, 39221, 39225, 39233, 39272, 39303, 39317, 39348, 39382, 39398, 39452, 39498, 39618, 39638, 39674, 39751, 39820, 39879, 39882, 39889, 40002, 40015, 40051, 40153, 40161, 40163, 40216, 40220, 40246, 40271, 40368, 40514, 40533, 40566, 40627, 40695, 40703, 40805, 40903, 40911, 40914, 41018, 41027, 41139, 41191, 41274. KAR-BM ROAD-HASSAN: 18212, 18415, 18424, 18562, 18579, 18614, 18671, 18680, 18682, 18685, 18736, 18766, 18841, 18903, 18931, 19345, 19517, 19550, 19643, 19745, 19821, 19836, 19879, 19909, 19927, 20059, 20076, 20451, 20574. KAR-CHENNARAYAPATNA: 16539, 16564, 16570, 16605, 16700, 16798, 16800, 16806, 16821, 16831, 16832, 16833, 16836, 16842, 16845, 16846, 16848, 16902, 16903, 16914, 16922, 17026, 17052, 17207, 17285, 17290, 17346, 17376, 17389, 17462, 17469, 17479, 17502, 17552, 17571, 17603, 17622, 17625, 17630, 17650, 17669, 17674, 17679, 17693, 17711, 17713, 17742, 18145. KAR-RC ROAD: 16924, 16952, 17044, 17282, 17288, 17305, 17357, 17361, 17397, 17398, 17402, 17403, 17406, 17407, 17408, 17409, 17415, 17435, 17452, 17493, 17496, 17553, 17669, 17748, 17803, 17840, 17866, 17868, 17912, 17929, 17960, 17973, 18022, 18040, 18060, 18080, 18092, 18157, 18176, 18181, 18183, 18241, 18255, 18256, 18267, 18325, 18326, 18429, 18471, 18519, 18533, 18562, 18564, 18586, 18592, 18624, 18685, 18794, 18905, 18949, 18969, 18997, 19035, 19049, 19160, 19169, 19198, 19248, 19334, 19335.

MANDYA DISTRICT AUCTION: **DOOR NO. 01, 1ST FLOOR, SIDDALINGESHWARA COMPLEX, DURGABHAVAN CIRCLE, K R PET TOWN, MANDYA - 571426** **AUCTION DATE: 04.06.2024**
KAR-KR PET: 20425, 20479, 20498, 20501, 20586, 20606, 20612, 20622, 20623, 20634, 20655, 20769, 20770, 20783, 20843, 20885, 20911, 20941, 20976, 20978, 20981, 21159, 21245, 21330, 21348, 21349, 21376, 21408, 21409, 21427, 21495, 21584. KAR-PANDAVAPURA: 19973, 20303, 20377, 20381, 20382, 20426, 20432, 20444, 20448, 20467, 20484, 20524, 20571, 20629, 20634, 20635, 20636, 20682, 20696, 20742, 20743, 20744, 20775, 20850, 20870, 20928.

MYSORE DISTRICT AUCTION: **MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS # 4583/1 GANESHA TEMPLE ROAD NEAR MARUTHI CIRCLE N R MOHALLA MYSORE-570007** **AUCT